

LOS GATOS - SARATOGA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

This is to advise that the Los Gatos - Saratoga Union High School District (LGSUHSD) has prepared an Initial Study (IS) to evaluate the environmental impacts of the project identified below, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As mandated by State Law, the review period for this document is not less than 30 (thirty) days. Based upon the conclusions set forth in the IS, the LGSUHSD proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).

Project Title: Saratoga High School Sports Field Lighting

Project Location: The project is proposed on the existing Saratoga High School (SHS) softball field and adjacent multi-use field. Saratoga High School is located in the City of Saratoga at the intersection of Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road and Herriman Avenue, in the southeast quadrant. The softball field and adjacent multi-use field are located in the southeast corner of the campus.

Project Description: The Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District proposes lighting the softball field and adjacent multi-use field to provide better, safer sports lighting on the multi-use field and enable the high school to hold lit evening high school softball games, practices, and camps on the softball field. The District would also rent the softball field for private games, practices, and camps up to 15 evenings per year.

The proposed project would install sports lighting at the existing Saratoga High School softball field and adjacent multi-use field for use Monday through Sunday during the months of October through April. All lit events at the softball and multi-use fields would end by 9:00 PM, and the lights would be turned off no later than 9:30 PM. All existing use of the softball and multi-use fields currently takes place during the daylight hours, except for soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, football practice, and band, which also takes place on the multi-use field using portable lights. The proposed sports lighting would replace the portable sports lighting that is currently used at the multi-use field during the proposed time period for the same proposed uses; therefore, the proposed project would not increase use of the multi-use field. The proposed lighting of the softball field would allow uses that currently occur on the field during the daylight hours to occur during the evening until 9:00 PM. While the overall use of the softball field would incrementally increase (e.g., up to 15 evening rentals per year), existing bleacher capacity at the softball field would not be increased and overall spectator attendance is not expected to substantially increase. A public address (PA) system is not proposed by the project.

The 30-day review period for the IS and MND begins on Friday, February 27, 2015 and closes on Monday, March 30, 2015. The IS, MND and project are scheduled to go before the LGSUHSD Board of Trustees on Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Persons having comments concerning this project, including objections to the basis of determination set forth in the IS, are invited to furnish their comments summarizing the specific and factual basis for their comments, in writing to the LGSUHSD. Please provide your contact information and send your comments to:

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The MND, IS, and appendices are available for download from the District's website: <http://www.lgsuhsd.org>

The documents are also available for review at the following locations:

Saratoga Library	LGSUHSD, District Office	SHS Administrative Office
13650 Saratoga Avenue	17421 Farley Road West	20300 Herriman Avenue
San Jose, CA 95119	Los Gatos, CA 95030	Saratoga, CA 95070
(408) 867-6126	(408) 354-2520	(408) 867-3577