

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the Lead Agency named below has completed an Initial Study of the following described project at the following location: Palm Springs Unified School District Lead Agency: Project Name: Desert Hot Springs High School Career Tech Building The Palm Springs Unified School District (District) is proposing to construct a Career Technical **Project Description:** Education (CTE) Building and associated site improvements on the Desert Hot Springs High School (DHSHS) campus (proposed Project). The proposed Project would construct an approximately 13,630-square-foot CTE Building on an undeveloped portion of the DHSHS campus. The proposed CTE Building would accommodate the REAL and PSA programs on the DHSHS campus by providing flexible classroom space for each academy. The proposed CTE Building would dedicate approximately 4,825 square feet for each of the REAL and PSA programs, with approximately 3,980 square feet dedicated for outdoor spaces. Implementation of the proposed Project would provide the District with an updated and modern school facility that creates flexible learning space to support existing CTE programs on the DHSHS campus. The new classroom building would meet the immediate and long-term educational programming needs of the campus community. Construction of the proposed Project would take approximately 9 months, with a commencement date of summer 2019 and an estimated completion date of summer 2020. Occupancy of the proposed CTE Building would occur by the start of the 2020-2021 school year. The DHSHS is located at 65850 Pierson Boulevard in the central portion of the City of Desert Hot **Project Location:** Springs. The DHSHS campus is bound by 5th Street to the north, Cholla Drive to the east, Pierson Road to the south, and Golden Eagle Way to the west. The approximately 1-acre Project site is located within an open area of the northwestern portion of the DHSHS campus, situated between two existing 1-story classroom buildings, with Golden Eagle Way along the west. This Initial Study was completed in accordance with the Lead Agency's Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. On the basis of the Initial Study, the Lead Agency's Staff has concluded that the project, with the incorporation of mitigation measures, will not have a significant effect on the environment, and has therefore prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency. The Project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.  $\bowtie$ The Project site IS NOT on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5. The proposed project site IS considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.  $\Box$  $\boxtimes$ The proposed project site IS NOT considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance. The proposed project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.  $\bowtie$ The proposed project WILL NOT affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation. A scoping meeting WILL be held by the lead agency.  $\boxtimes$ A scoping meeting WILL NOT be held by the lead agency. Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and are available for public review online at www.psusd.us and at the Lead Agency's office, located at 150 District Center Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262 **Lead Agency Address:** 150 District Center Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262 The review period for this project starts on April 2, 2019 and ends on May 1, 2019. Comments will be received until May 1, 2019. Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, to the Lead Agency prior to this date. Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested. The Lead Agency will consider the project and the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration at its meeting on: 6:00 PM May 28, 2019 Time: Date: If the Lead Agency finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration. This means that the Lead Agency may proceed to consider the project without the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report. Date Received 03/28/2019 for Filing: Julia Arthur Executive Director of Facilities Planning (Clerk stamp here)

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