

**NOVATO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-2014/2015**

**APPROVING AN ADDENDUM TO  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR THE PBC PARCEL 1B COMMUNITY-SCHOOL  
LIBRARY AND DISTRICT FACILITIES PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, Novato Unified School District (“District”) previously acquired three parcels from the Department of Defense and U.S. Department of Education that totaled 21 acres and were originally part of the Hamilton Army Airfield; and

**WHEREAS**, the District originally proposed to use Public Benefit Conveyance (“PBC”) Parcel 1 (which has been split into PBC Parcel 1A [9.2 acres] and PBC Parcel 1B [2.95 acres]) to house the former MSAT Charter School; a community day school; the food and nutrition services programs; the maintenance, grounds, operations and bond construction programs; and the warehouse department; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the aforementioned plans, the District adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration (“Adopted MND”) for the project in 2006 in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 et seq. (“CEQA”) and the CEQA regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 15000 et seq.) (“CEQA Guidelines”); and

**WHEREAS**, the District now proposes to relocate the South Novato Library to PBC Parcel 1B (“Parcel 1B” or “Project Site”) to create a Community-School Library facility in support of school programs, pupil and community needs and to repurpose the former community day school and other existing District facilities into classrooms and spaces to support other educational and literacy programs on Parcel 1B (the Modified Project); and

**WHEREAS**, the community library and District facility uses now planned for Parcel 1B were not included in the Adopted MND, which included a 120-student (maximum) Community Day School or alternative education program uses as described; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project changes are limited to Parcel 1B, and no changes to plans on PBC Parcel 1A have been proposed at the time of this document preparation; and

**WHEREAS**, the District prepared an Initial Study to evaluate the Modified Project and determined that neither a Subsequent EIR or Subsequent MND were required to be prepared, and that preparation of an Addendum to the Adopted MND was sufficient to document the environmental review of the Modified Project under CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education held a duly noticed public meeting on February 3, 2015, for the purposes of considering the Addendum, in conjunction with the Adopted MND.



**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Board of Education of the Novato Unified School District does hereby resolve as follows:

1. The Addendum MND has been prepared in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 and 15164 with regard to the Modified Project, and the Board finds that:
  - (1) No substantial changes are proposed in the project that require major revision of the Adopted MND due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;
  - (2) No substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken that require major revision of the Adopted MND due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; and/or
  - (3) There is no new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the Adopted MND was adopted, showing any of the following:
    - (a) The project will have one or more significant effects not addressed in the previous MND;
    - (b) Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous MND;
    - (c) Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or
    - (d) Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous MND would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.
2. The Modified Project includes only minor technical changes or additions to the project described in the Adopted MND.
3. The Addendum and Adopted MND have been presented to the Board of Trustees, and the Board has reviewed and considered the information in the Addendum and Adopted MND before taking action.



4. Together, the Adopted MND and Addendum adequately analyze the potential effects of the Modified Project, and the Addendum does not raise important new issues about the significant effects on the environment.
5. The Addendum and Adopted MND reflect the independent judgment of the Board of Education.
6. The Board of Education hereby adopts the Addendum and approves the Modified Project.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the governing body of the Novato Unified School District on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: 5  
 NOES: 1  
 ABSTAIN: 1 (Recuse)  
 ABSENT: 0

State of California,  
County of Marin

I, DEREK KNELL, <sup>Acting</sup> President of the Novato Unified School District Board of Trustees, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees at a regularly called and conducted meeting held on said date.

  
President, NUSD Board of Trustees

<sup>Acting</sup>  
 ATTEST:   
 Clerk, NUSD Board of Trustees

