

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROJECT TITLE: Proposed swaps of territory between the Saugus Union School District and the Sulphur Springs Union School District

LEAD AGENCY: Los Angeles County Office of Education

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PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed transfer territory is within the Skyline Ranch Master Planned Community in the City Santa Clarita. The transfer territory consists of 23 single-family residential lots that straddle the existing school district boundary line between the Sulphur Springs Union and Saugus Union School Districts.

Existing land uses surrounding the transfer territory beyond the Skyline Ranch development consist of large tracts of undeveloped lands to the north. The southern portion of the Skyline Ranch development lies adjacent to existing residential development. Land uses immediately surrounding the transfer territory within the Skyline Ranch Development consist of additional residential uses, a 12-acre parcel for an elementary school to be operated and maintained by the Sulphur Springs School District, approximately 12 acres of public parkland and six acres of private parkland, and approximately 1,355 acres dedicated or designated as natural open space through establishment of the Skyline Ranch Conservation Area (SRCA).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project would transfer 23 single-family residential lots (transfer territory) that straddle the existing school district boundary line between the Sulphur Springs Union and Saugus Union School Districts. The two school districts are in agreement and are jointly petitioning for 14 of the lots to be assigned to the Saugus Union School District and the remaining nine lots to be assigned to the Sulphur Springs Union School District. Many of the residential properties within the Skyline Ranch development are currently under construction and are not yet occupied.

INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) has been prepared for the proposed project. Based on the Initial Study, it has been determined that the proposed project will not have significant adverse impacts on the environment, and the proposed project meets the criteria for a Negative Declaration under CEQA.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 05-03-20 to 06-02-20

The public and all interested parties are hereby invited to review the IS/ND and submit written comments. Comments received during the public review period will be considered by the Los Angeles County Office of Education. The IS/ND can be accessed at www.lacoe.edu on the County Committee webpage under the Public Hearings tab. Comments should be submitted by email to deegan_allison@lacoe.edu no later than 06-02-20.

PUBLIC HEARING: The Los Angeles County Office of Education will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive oral comments and for considering adoption of the Negative Declaration at a regularly scheduled meeting on 06-03-20. Connection information will be provided on the Public Hearing tab on the County Committee webpage at www.lacoe.edu more than 72 hours in advance of the meeting.