

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE PROPOSED VALHALLA HIGH SCHOOL MODERNIZATION PROJECT
DECEMBER 9, 2008**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Grossmont Union High School District, as lead agency, is circulating for public review a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed Valhalla High School Modernization project.

Project Title: Valhalla High School Modernization

Project Location: Valhalla High School is located at 1725 Hillsdale Road in unincorporated San Diego County adjacent to the City of El Cajon in eastern San Diego County, APN No. 51713233. The project site is fully developed and has been serving as a high school since 1975.

Project Description: The Grossmont Union High School District (District) proposes to construct a new science building and upgrade existing buildings on the Valhalla High School campus. The proposed science building is to be located where the existing handball wall currently stands, which is north of the tennis courts and southwest of the girls' physical education (PE) building. The construction plans for the science building also include hardscape and landscape features that will require the demolition of concrete walls, existing buildings (including temporary portable classrooms), asphalt concrete pavement, concrete hardscape and other building features.

Additional improvements to existing buildings on the Valhalla High School campus include: 1) construction of a new fully equipped science facility that will be two-story (40-feet high), wood-framed structure that will be equipped with a complete sprinkler system with 12 new classrooms; 2) replacement of old aging roofs on all existing buildings determined to require new roofing; 4) renovation of 30-year old restrooms, plumbing and drinking fountains; 5) correction of a known drainage problem from the restrooms down to the main level, and checking of all existing plumbing and replacement of any identified to be as poorly functioning (all new plumbing installations will meet or exceed the current standards of the 2007 California Plumbing Code (CPC), Part 5, Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR)); 6) replacement of existing water distribution system, wastewater and vent system as necessary; 7) modernization of 76 classrooms with typical repairs and/or renovations including repainting, replacing flooring and ceilings, installing energy-efficient lighting and, upgrading marker boards; 8) upgrade electrical capacity and technology infrastructure for safety and better access to technology; 9) installation of new Heating and Ventilation throughout; 10) upgrade exterior safety lighting; 11) removal of asbestos and lead paint from the main campus building, auto shop, boys locker room, food service area, girls locker room, gymnasium/band room, mini gym (dance/wrestling), Classroom Numbers R1-R4, R5-R8, R10, R11 and the racquetball courts.

Availability: The Draft MND can be reviewed at the following locations: Grossmont Union High School District offices 1100 Murray Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020. or on the District Website at <http://portal.guhd.net/GUHSD>. Contact: Janea Quirk, Project Manager at (619) 644-8149.

Comments: Written comments regarding the Draft MND should be directed to Janea Quirk, Grossmont Union High School District 1100 Murray Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020 and must be received no later than January 7, 2009 (public review period December 9 – January 7). A Final MND incorporating public input will be prepared for consideration by the Grossmont Union High School District at a future District Supervisor Board meeting.