

**PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND HEARING
PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORT**

As a condition for receiving State funds and pursuant to the California Department of Education site approval process, any project on a school site that requires review under the California Environmental Quality Act must also undergo a complete environmental review. As a condition for meeting this requirement, Geosyntec Consultants under the direction of the California Environmental Protection Agency Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has prepared a draft Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) Report in accordance with Education Code section 17213.1, subdivision (a)(4)(B) for the Golden Valley Unified School District (District). The draft PEA Report is being made available for public review and comment pursuant to Education Code section 17213.1, subdivision (a)(6)(A).

Although an environmental assessment was conducted, this does not mean hazardous substances are located on this property. State law requires that all proposed new school sites undergo a complete environmental review, and if necessary, a cleanup to protect students, faculty and staff who will occupy the school.

The District is proposing to construct the engineering, agriscience, and farming classrooms and facilities for Liberty High School, known by the acronym LEAF. The LEAF project will house a vocational school with 8 classrooms and 200 students.

Project Designation: LEAF Facility

Project Location: The facility will be developed on a 34-acre property which is the southwestern portion of a larger parcel identified by Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 034-226-008. The property is located at the northeast corner of Avenue 12 and the Road 35 ½ alignment in Madera County, California (Site). The Site is owned by the Golden Valley Unified School District.

Description of Assessment: A Site inspection performed prior to preparation of the PEA Report identified the potential presence of environmental concerns. In order to evaluate these potential concerns, soil samples were collected at the Site and submitted for analysis at a California-certified analytical laboratory. The soil sample analytical results were screened using the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Regional Screening Levels for Region IX for the residential exposure scenario. These screening criteria were also modified where applicable to reflect DTSC Office of Human and Ecological Risk (HERO) Notes 3 and 4. The findings have been documented in the draft PEA Report.

The PEA and Supporting Documents are Available for Review at:

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Contact: Mr. Mike Berg

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8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Madera Ranchos Branch Library

37167 Avenue 12, Suite 4C

Madera, CA 93636

Public Comment Period: A public comment period for the draft PEA Report begins on September 9, 2019 through October 9, 2019. Written comments on the draft PEA Report will be accepted from September 9, 2019 through October 9, 2019. Comments should be directed to Mr. Mike Berg, Golden Valley Unified School District, by phone at 559-906-4100, by email at mike.berg61@gmail.com by mail at 37479 Avenue 12, Madera, California 93636.

Public Hearing: A public hearing to discuss the draft PEA Report will be held on September 24, 2019 at approximately 6:30 p.m., in the [Liberty High School Library], Madera, California 93636. Comments on the draft PEA Report will be accepted during the public hearing.