



DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES
REAL ESTATE SERVICES DIVISION



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Department of Motor Vehicles Reedley Field Office Replacement Project

Overview: As lead agency, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), with assistance from the California Department of General Services – Real Estate Services Division (DGS), has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed DMV Reedley Field Office Replacement Project (proposed project). The IS/MND has been prepared to provide the public, responsible agencies, and trustee agencies with information about the potential environmental effects of construction and operation of DMV’s proposed project.

The existing DMV Reedley field office is not sized appropriately to accommodate the existing staffing and service demand levels needed at this location. For this reason, DMV is proposing to construct a larger facility to accommodate DMV staff and improve customer services. The existing DMV facility, located at 558 East Dinuba Avenue, is currently leased space. Once the new facility is operational, the current lease will be terminated.

The IS/MND details the proposed project; evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of DMV’s proposed project; identifies those impacts that could be significant; and presents mitigation measures, which, if adopted by DMV or other responsible agencies, could avoid or minimize these impacts. The IS/MND was released for public review on July 2, 2019.

Project Location: The project site is located north of East Dinuba Avenue between South Orange Avenue and South Buttonwillow Avenue in the southeastern portion of the City of Reedley, California, approximately 9 miles east of State Route 99.

Project Description: The proposed project consists of construction of a new, approximately 13,701-gross-square-foot, single-story DMV field office with attached carport and associated on-site circulation and landscaping improvements on a 3.5-acre lot. The building would be a maximum of 35 feet high above finish floor elevation as measured above the top of roof at its highest point. The western portion of the project site would accommodate a vehicle staging area with a carport and test lanes. The new field office would accommodate the existing daily staff (22) as well as additional staff for a total of 24 proposed staff, and it would serve up to 436 customers on opening day, which is greater than the same number of customers it is currently serving (400). The parking lot would be constructed to the east, west, and north sides of the building. The parking lots would accommodate approximately 169 parking spaces (including seven Americans with Disabilities [ADA]-compliant spaces). Solar panels would be located on the covered parking canopy along the northern boundary of the site. The project site would also be equipped with two

electric vehicle charging stations. The project site would be accessible from three driveways along East Dinuba Avenue and one driveway on South Orange Avenue. An outdoor public address (PA) system would be installed at the facility to notify customers waiting in the plaza or parking lot areas of appointments. A 7-foot-high ornamental wrought-iron fence with anodized finish would be installed along the site perimeter with motorized rolling gates at all the driveways providing access to the site.

Infrastructure improvements include installation of utilities (water, sewer, and power), walkways, curbs and gutters, signage, landscaping and irrigation, trash enclosures, site drainage, site lighting, surface parking, and fencing. The project would require a total of 1,150 feet of trenching to interconnect with existing utilities adjacent to the project site. A stormwater detention system, earning LEED stormwater credits, is planned to be constructed in the proposed parking area. The storm drain interconnection would require approximately 100 feet of on-site trenching to tie into the City’s stormwater drainage system. Proposed water facilities would require approximately 200 feet of trenching to interconnect with the domestic water line, approximately 350 feet to interconnect with the fire water line, and approximately 200 feet to interconnect with the sewer line. Interconnecting the power (including the photovoltaic system) would require on-site trenching of approximately 300 feet to connect to existing underground utility connections. The proposed project would install twenty-one 22-foot-tall and three 8-foot-tall pole-mounted LED light fixtures, 22 surface-mounted LED lights under the proposed solar canopy and carport, and 10 wall-mounted exterior building LED lights for safety and security purposes.

The new field office building would be designed to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification and would target Zero Net Energy (ZNE) consumption. ZNE indicates that the total amount of the energy used by the building on an annual basis would be less than the amount of renewable energy generated on site.

Location of Documents Available for Public Review. The Reedley DMV Office project Draft IS/MND may be viewed online on DGS’s website at <http://bit.ly/DGSCEQA> (click on “Fresno County”). In addition, copies of the document are available for review at the locations listed in Table 1.

**Table 1
Public Repository Sites**

Site	Address
Reedley Branch Library	1027 E Street, Reedley, California 93654
California Department of General Services, RESD Environmental Services	707 Third Street, Suite 401, West Sacramento, California 95605

Public Comment Period: By this notice, DMV and DGS are announcing the opening of the 30-day comment period (July 2, 2019, to August 1, 2019). All written comments must be received by August 1, 2019, by 5:00 p.m. Please send all comments via mail to Daniel O’Brian, Chief, Environmental Services, California Department of General Services, RESD, PMDB, c/o Dudek, 605 Third Street, Encinitas, California 92024; OR via email to reedleydmv@dudek.com (subject line: “**Reedley DMV MND Comments**”).

The project is not located on any list of places containing hazardous materials.