

Sanger Unified School District
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
New Southeast Fresno Elementary School Project
(State Clearinghouse No. 2020049007)

Project Title: New Southeast Fresno Elementary School Project

Lead Agency and Project Sponsor: Sanger Unified School District

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Project Location and Description:

Sanger Unified School District is proposing to develop the New Southeast Fresno Elementary School Project to serve the growing student population resulting from new urban development in southeast Fresno within the District's boundaries. The project site encompasses 17.79 acres located on the west side of Temperance Avenue approximately 700 feet north of Church Avenue in an unincorporated portion of Fresno County, California (APNs 316-160-46 and 316-160-72). The site is immediately adjacent to the City of Fresno's city limits and is within the Fresno Sphere of Influence. The project includes the annexation of the site to the City of Fresno. It is anticipated that the project will be served by the City of Fresno's water and sewer systems.

The project will be developed in phases, beginning with limited facilities that will house up to 50 elementary school students in two portable classrooms adjacent to a permanent structure that will house a school office and restroom. Playfields and athletic facilities will also be constructed with this phase. In its initial form, the school will act as a satellite campus to another elementary school in the vicinity. Construction of the first phase is anticipated to be completed for the 2024-25 school year.

At full buildout, the elementary school will be designed to provide capacity for approximately 700 students in transitional kindergarten through sixth grades. The campus will have approximately 45 employees (including administrators, faculty, and support staff). Facilities planned as part of the project include administrative offices, classrooms, a multi-purpose building, athletic fields (which may be lighted), physical education facilities, and parking areas. Instructional activities at the elementary school will be in regular session on weekdays from late August to early June, with additional special events and classes during evenings, on weekends, and during the summer recess. The timing for full buildout of the school will be dependent upon enrollment growth and funding availability.

Mitigation Measures: The District has incorporated into the project mitigation measures for potentially significant project impacts related to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, noise, transportation, and tribal cultural resources. The mitigation measures are included in Summary Table of Mitigation Measures of the Initial Study and throughout the body of the report.

Finding: As required by the California Environmental Quality Act, the District prepared an Initial Study for the project. Based on the Initial Study, the District determined that although the project could have a significant effect on the environment, there would not be a significant effect in this case because the District has incorporated into the project mitigation measures that would avoid any significant effects of the project or reduce the effects to an insignificant level. Therefore, it is the intent of Sanger Unified School District to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project.



Signature

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