

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: Kings County New Fire Station No. 4 (Conditional Use Permit No. 19-10)

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Project Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Kings County (Unincorporated Hanford Area)  
*City* *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

Please see attached Project Description.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Please see attached MMRP.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

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Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District  
Kings Waste and Recycling Authority

## Project Description

The County of Kings is proposing to construct a new fire station within an approximately 15-acre study area (from which a new parcel will be created in the future from Assessor Parcel No. 016-130-085, a roughly a 112-acre parcel). The new parcel will be at or near the northeast corner of the intersection of State Route (SR) 43 and Houston Avenue within the jurisdiction of the County of Kings, and lying just outside of the City limits of the City of Hanford. This parcel will surround the westerly, northerly, and easterly boundary of APNs 016-030-09, -41, & -42), which currently contains a rural single-family home and appurtenant structures.

The identified Assessor Parcel is currently owned and partially occupied by Kings Waste and Recycling Authority (KWRA), a joint powers authority comprised of Cities of Hanford, Lemoore, Corcoran and unincorporated Kings County. This parcel and immediately surrounding parcels are currently designated "Agriculture Open Space" by the *2035 Kings County General Plan* and zoned "General Agricultural (AG-20), minimum 20-acre parcel size" by the *Kings County Development Code*.

The new parcel will be established by a Grant Deed from KWRA to the County pursuant to Section 66428(a)(2) of the Subdivision Map Act. The establishment of the new fire station requires approval of a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to the AG-20 zone as set forth in Section 404 of the County Development Code. The Kings County Public Works Department filed an application with the County Community Development Agency for Conditional Use Permit No. 19-10 on June 18, 2020.

A separate APN 016-130-067 of roughly 18.5-acres lies to the east of the intended Project site and is owned by County of Kings and is currently occupied by the existing Fire Department Station No. 4 at 7622 Houston Avenue. This station facility is approximately 5,676 sq. ft., and will be converted to storage or left vacant once the new station is completed and operational. The existing well on this site will serve the new fire station requiring connection via a new pipeline extended westerly from the well to the new site within the new parcel to be created.

The proposed new parcel will be developed with a new fire station to replace existing County Fire Station No. 4. The new fire station is proposed to consist of the following uses within a single structure of approximately 9,900 sq. ft.:

- fire administrative offices
- fire training facility
- living quarters
- emergency operations center (EOC).

The new fire station will also include a parking lot with approximately 24 parking spaces as well as an approximately 18,550 square foot (SF) (estimated 70-ft by 265-ft.) new drainage basin for on-site collection of stormwater runoff, an existing well (described above), a new 20,000 gallon water storage tank, two new 500 gallon fuel storage tanks, (one for gasoline, one for diesel), a new septic system, a 30 kV emergency generator with self-contained natural gas storage, and drought-resistant landscaping.

The site will be enclosed by 6-ft high chain link perimeter security fencing. Access via key-card secured gate to the proposed development would occur from Houston Avenue via a single asphalt/concrete access drive to be located roughly 600 ft. from the edge of right-of-way of SR 43 at Houston (36°17'56.4"N and 119°35'34.6"W) and near the westerly property line of APN 016-130-009. Internal access drives will be constructed of durable dust-free, all-weather surfacing from the New Fire Station No. 4 to the Training Facility at the existing fire station to the east (36°17'56.4"N 119°35'34.6"W), as well as to the Kings Waste & Recycling Authority to the north (36°18'05.6"N 119°35'47.4"W). The aggregate length of these drives is estimated to be approximately 3,000 linear feet and will be constructed in accordance with Public Works Standard and the California Fire Code.

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The Project site lies within the City of Hanford's "Secondary Sphere of Influence" (SOI) boundary.

Noise associated with construction of any kind is considered by the County General Plan to be temporary but subject to applicable County Noise Element standards. Once built, the Fire Station hours of operation will be 24 hours per day, every day. By their nature, fire station operations will emit random, short-term, piercing noises from alarms and sirens which, to accomplish critical warning to fire personnel and the general public traveling are by design, not to be mitigated. As such, these loud noises are considered generally acceptable to society and therefore not subject to noise enforcement.

### **Construction**

Construction of the Project is anticipated to be completed within twelve months, which will include site preparation, construction of the fire station and water tank, connection to natural gas in Houston Avenue, connection to the existing well, paving and fencing. Construction equipment will likely include backhoes, graders, skid steers, loaders, and hauling trucks. Daily work hours during construction will be limited to daylight hours. Typical construction equipment, such as earth graders, back-hoes, cranes, dump trucks, skip-loaders, will be used. A staging area for mobilized equipment will be identified within the new parcel. Contractor employees are expected to arrive daily in private vehicles or contractor vehicles and will park in the staging area.

Generally, construction will occur between the hours of 8am and 5pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Temporary staging and storage of materials and equipment will occur within the Project site. Post-construction activities will include site clean-up.

Although construction is not expected to generate hazardous waste, construction equipment has the potential to contain various hazardous materials such as diesel fuel, hydraulic oil, grease, solvents, adhesives, paints, and other petroleum-based products.

### **Operation and Maintenance**

The level of staffing at the New Fire Station is not expected to change from that at the existing station.

# Chapter 4 Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

This Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has been formulated based upon the findings of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Fire Station Project in unincorporated Kings County. The MMRP lists mitigation measures recommended in the IS/MND for the Project and identifies monitoring and reporting requirements.

**Table 4-1** presents the mitigation measures identified for the Project. Each mitigation measure is numbered with a symbol indicating the topical section to which it pertains, a hyphen, and the impact number. For example, AIR-2 would be the second mitigation measure identified in the Air Quality analysis of the IS/MND.

The first column of **Table 4-1** identifies the mitigation measure. The second column, entitled “When Monitoring is to Occur,” identifies the time the mitigation measure should be initiated. The third column, “Frequency of Monitoring,” identifies the frequency of the monitoring of the mitigation measure. The fourth column, “Agency Responsible for Monitoring,” names the party ultimately responsible for ensuring that the mitigation measure is implemented. The last columns will be used by the County to ensure that individual mitigation measures have been complied with and monitored.

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**Table 4-1. Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program**

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Mitigation Measure/Condition of Approval	When Monitoring is to Occur	Frequency of Monitoring	Agency Responsible for Monitoring	Method to Verify Compliance	Verification of Compliance
<b>Agricultural Resources</b>					
<b>AG-1: Farmland Security Zone Enrollment</b>					
Prior to ground disturbance, the County of Kings shall enroll qualified farmland of an amount equal to or greater than the amount of farmland lost, into the County's Farmland Security Zone.	Prior to project approval  Prior to ground disturbance	N/A	County of Kings	Submittal of a report	
<b>Biological Resources</b>					
<b>BIO-1: Avoidance</b>					
The Project's construction activities shall occur, if feasible, between September 16 and January 31 (outside of nesting bird season) in an effort to avoid impacts to nesting birds.	Prior to the start of construction and during construction	N/A	County of Kings	Documentation of start and stop dates of construction.	
<b>BIO-2: Pre-construction Surveys</b>					
If activities must occur within nesting bird season (February 1 to September 15), a qualified biologist shall conduct pre-construction surveys for active nests within ten (10) days prior to the start of construction. The survey shall include the proposed work area and surrounding lands within 0.5 mile. If no active nests are observed, no further mitigation is required. Raptor nests are considered "active" upon the nest-building stage.	Prior to the start of construction	Once, prior to the start of construction	County of Kings	Documentation of start, stop, and resumption dates of construction, written report from qualified biologist of results of pre-construction survey, and record of mitigation carried out.	

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<b>BIO-3: Establish Buffers</b>					
On discovery of any active nests or breeding colonies near work areas, the biologist shall determine appropriate construction setback distances based on applicable CDFW and/or USFWS guidelines and/or the biology of the species in question. Specifically, a 300-foot disturbance-free buffer shall be implemented around breeding colonies of tricolored blackbird, and a 0.5-mile disturbance-free buffer shall be implemented around active Swainson's hawk nests, if feasible. Construction buffers shall be identified with flagging, fencing, or other easily visible means, and shall be maintained until the biologist has determined that the nestlings have fledged.	Prior to the start of construction and during construction	Once, prior to the start of construction or as determined by biologist	County of Kings	Documentation of start, stop, and resumption dates of construction, written report from qualified biologist of results of pre-construction survey, and record of mitigation carried out.	
<b>BIO-4: WEAP Training</b>					
On discovery of any special status bird species, all personnel associated with Project construction shall attend mandatory Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) training, conducted by a qualified biologist, prior to initiating construction activities (including staging and mobilization). The specifics of this program shall include identification of the special status species and suitable habitats, a description of the regulatory status and general ecological characteristics of the species, and review of the limits of construction and mitigation measures required to reduce impacts to biological resources within the work area. A fact sheet conveying this information, along with photographs or illustrations of the special status species, shall also be prepared for distribution to all contractors, their employees, and all other personnel involved with construction of the Project. All employees shall sign a form documenting that they have attended WEAP training and understand the information presented to them.	During construction activities	Ongoing during construction	County of Kings	Documentation of all construction personnel signed statement documenting that they have attended WEAP training and understand the information presented to them.	
<b>BIO-5: Construction During Daylight Hours</b>					
Construction activities shall be limited to daylight hours to reduce potential impacts to special status bats that could be foraging onsite.	During construction activities	Daily during construction	County of Kings	Documentation of start, stop, and resumption dates of construction	

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<b>Cultural Resources</b>					
<b>CUL-1: Archaeological Resources</b>					
During the project ground disturbance activities, a qualified archaeological monitor shall be present to identify any unearthened cultural resources and make the appropriate mitigation recommendations. A list of qualified consultants can be found at <a href="http://www.chrisinfo.org">www.chrisinfo.org</a> . The District shall implement all recommendations of the archaeologist necessary to avoid or reduce to a less than significant level potential impacts to cultural resource. Appropriate actions could include a Data Recovery Plan or preservation in place.	During all ground disturbing activities.	Continuously during all ground disturbing activities.	County of Kings	Written report prepared by qualified archaeologist documenting findings and actions taken to mitigate impact.	
<b>CUL-2: Tribal Monitoring</b>					
<p>A representative from the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi-Yokut Tribe shall be present during all ground disturbances in the project area and make the appropriate mitigation recommendations based on any and all findings.</p> <p>a. <b>Cultural Resources Alert on Project Plans.</b> The project proponent shall note on any plans that require ground disturbing excavation that there is a potential for exposing buried cultural resources.</p> <p>b. <b>Pre-Construction Briefing.</b> The project proponent shall retain Santa Rosa Rancheria Cultural Staff to provide a pre-construction briefing to construction staff regarding the discovery of cultural resources and the potential for discovery during ground disturbing activities, which will include information on potential cultural material finds and on the procedures to be enacted if resources are found.</p> <p>c. <b>Stop Work Near any Discovered Cultural Resources.</b> Should previously unidentified cultural resources be discovered during construction of the project, the project proponent shall cease work within 100 feet of the resources, and Kings County Community Development Agency (CDA) shall be notified immediately. The archaeologist shall review and evaluate any discoveries to determine if they are historical resource(s) and/or unique archaeological resources under CEQA.</p> <p>d. <b>Mitigation for Discovered Cultural Resources.</b> If the professional archaeologist determines that any cultural resources exposed during construction constitute a historical resource and/or unique archaeological resource, he/she shall notify the project proponent and other appropriate</p>	During all ground disturbing activities.	Continuously during all ground disturbing activities.	County of Kings	Documented records by the District of dates of ground disturbing activities, name of Tribal representative present, any mitigation recommended by the Tribal representative and District actions taken on recommended mitigation.	



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<p>parties of the evaluation and recommended mitigation measures to mitigate the impact to a less-than-significant level. Mitigation measures may include avoidance, preservation in-place, recordation, additional archaeological testing and data recovery, among other options. Treatment of any significant cultural resources shall be undertaken with the approval of the Kings County CDA. The archaeologist shall document the resources using DPR 523 forms and file said forms with the California Historical Resources Information System, Southern San Joaquin Valley Information Center. The resources shall be photo-documented and collected by the archaeologist for submittal to the Santa Rosa Rancheria's Cultural and Historical Preservation Department. The archaeologist shall be required to submit to the County for review and approval a report of the findings and method of curation or protection of the resources. Further grading or site work within the area of discovery shall not be allowed until the preceding steps have been taken.</p> <p>e. <b>Native American Monitoring.</b> Prior to any ground disturbance, the project proponent shall offer the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe the opportunity to provide a Native American Monitor during ground disturbing activities during both construction and decommissioning. Tribal participation would be dependent upon the availability and interest of the Tribe.</p> <p>f. <b>Disposition of Cultural Resources.</b> Upon coordination with the Kings County Community Development Agency, any pre-historic archaeological artifacts recovered shall be donated to an appropriate Tribal custodian or a qualified scientific institution where they would be afforded applicable cultural resources laws and guidelines.</p>					
<b>CUL-3: Human Remains</b>					
<p>If human remains are uncovered, or in any other case when human remains are discovered during construction, the Kings County Coroner and the Santa Rosa Rancheria will be notified to arrange proper treatment and disposition. If the remains are identified—on the basis of archaeological context, age, cultural associations, or biological traits—as those of a Native American, California Health and Safety Code 7050.5 and Public Resource Code 5097.98 require that the Coroner notify the NAHC within 24 hours of discovery. The NAHC will then identify the Most Likely Descendent (MLD) who will determine the manner in which the remains are treated.</p> <p>a. Pursuant to State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5(e) and Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, if human bone or bone of unknown origin is</p>	During all ground disturbing activities.	Continuously during all ground disturbing activities.	County of Kings	In coordination with archaeologist, written documentation by the District of date/time of suspected human remains found, notifications to	

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found at any time during on- or off-site construction, all work shall stop in the vicinity of the find and the Kings County Coroner shall be notified immediately. If the remains are determined to be Native American, the Coroner shall notify the California State Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), who shall identify the person believed to be the Most Likely Descendant (MLD). The project proponent and MLD, with the assistance of the archaeologist, shall make all reasonable efforts to develop an agreement for the treatment of human remains and associated or unassociated funerary objects with appropriate dignity (CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15064.5(d)). The agreed upon treatment shall address the appropriate excavation, removal, recordation, analysis, custodianship, curation, and final disposition of the human remains and associated or unassociated funerary objects. California Public Resources Code allows 48 hours for the MLD to make their wishes known to the landowner after being granted access to the site. If the MLD and the other parties do not agree on the reburial method, the project will follow Public Resources Code Section 5097.98(e) which states that "... the landowner or his or her authorized representative shall reinter the human remains and items associated with Native American burials with appropriate dignity on the property in a location not subject to further subsurface disturbance."				Coroner and Tribe and NAHC and written record if remains found are determined to be human. Follow-up documentation of compliance with requirements of CA H&S Code and PRC and notification of MLD and actions taken to treat remains.	
<b>Geology and Soils Resources</b>					
<b>GEO-3: Paleontological Resources</b>					
See CUL-1 through CUL-3 above	During all ground disturbing activities.	Continuously during all ground disturbing activities.	County of Kings	Written documentation of compliance consistent with Methods above in coordination with qualified archaeologist and/or geo-archaeologist.	
<b>Noise</b>					
<b>NOI-1: Noise Mitigation and Monitoring</b>					
The County shall retain a qualified subconsultant experienced in the fields of environmental noise assessment and architectural acoustics to conduct an acoustic analysis. The acoustic analysis shall review, at minimum, existing noise levels, the site plan, and the schedule of construction equipment to be used. The analysis shall	Prior to submittal of construction documents for review and approval	Prior to and during construction	County of Kings	Documentation of start, stop, and resumption dates of construction,	

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measure the expected construction noise levels against the Noise Element standards of Residential properties, whose acceptable outdoor noise levels shall not exceed 75dB Lmax and 55dB Leq as measured at the residential property line, and 55 Lmax and 35 Leq of the interior of the residences during construction. These standards shall be reduced by 5 dB for sounds consisting primarily of speech or music, and for recurring impulsive sounds. If the existing ambient noise level exceeds the above standards, then the noise level standards shall be increased at 5 dB increments to encompass the ambient. Standard reductions/increases and any feasible means to reduce noise level exceedances to the general plan recommended level shall be implemented and monitored by the County and its contractor in accordance with the noise subconsultant recommendations.				written report from qualified consultant of results of acoustic analysis, and record of mitigation carried out.	
Tribal Cultural Resources					
<b>TRI-3: Tribal Cultural Resources</b>					
See CUL-1 through CUL-3 above	During all ground disturbing activities.	Continuously during all ground disturbing activities.	County of Kings	Written documentation of compliance consistent with Methods above in coordination with qualified archaeologist and/or geo-archaeologist.	