

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH #

Project Title: _____
 Lead Agency: _____ Contact Person: _____
 Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Project Location: County: _____ City/Nearest Community: _____
 Cross Streets: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): _____° _____' _____" N / _____° _____' _____" W Total Acres: _____
 Assessor's Parcel No.: _____ Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: _____ Waterways: _____
 Airports: _____ Railways: _____ Schools: _____

Document Type:

CEQA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOP	<input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR	NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI	Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR	<input type="checkbox"/> EA	<input type="checkbox"/> Final Document
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Local Action Type:

<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update	<input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Rezone	<input type="checkbox"/> Annexation
<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Prezone	<input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment
<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element	<input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Development Type:

<input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____	

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

<input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land	<input type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding	<input type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard	<input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater
<input type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical	<input type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Minerals	<input type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading	<input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Noise	<input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use
<input type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption	<input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous	<input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation: _____

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>6</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>23</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>4</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of | Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of | Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | |

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date March 22, 2021 Ending Date April 22, 2021

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 3/17/21

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

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.

Kings County New Fire Station No. 4 Project (IS/MND) Project Description

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.