

State Center Community College District
Fresno City College Softball Field Improvement Project
NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Date: January 5, 2022

To: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Other Public Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Persons **From:** State Center Community College District
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Environmental Impact Report: Notice is hereby given that State Center Community College District (SCCCD) will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an environmental impact report (EIR) for the proposed Fresno City College Softball Field Improvement Project ("project").

The EIR will be prepared under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines and will describe and analyze the significant environmental effects of the project and discuss ways to mitigate or avoid the effects.

Notice of Preparation: The purpose of this Notice of Preparation (NOP) is to solicit guidance from agencies and individuals as to the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the EIR. Responsible, trustee, and other agencies should provide SCCC with input on the scope and content of environmental information related to the agency's area of responsibility that should be included in the Draft EIR. If you are a property owner or resident, we invite your comments on the impacts that the project may have upon your property or upon the environment. An electronic copy of this NOP is available at: <https://www.scccd.edu/departments/district-operations/construction-services.html>

Comment Period and Response Deadline: Due to time limits mandated by State law, please send your response to the NOP by Friday, February 11, 2022, or 30 days after the receipt of this notice, whichever is later. Comments may be submitted via email to facilities@scccd.edu or via mail to Shannon Robertson, District Director of Construction Services, 1171 Fulton Street, Fresno, CA 93721.

Project Location and Description: The project site is located on the north side of the Fresno City College campus, south of Yale Avenue, east of College Avenue and west of the BNSF railroad tracks (see Figures 1 and 2). The project would take place within the area of the campus currently occupied by the college's existing softball field and a portion of the grass-turfed area located immediately west of the softball field. The area surrounding the project site consists of other existing Fresno City College athletic facilities (gymnasium, swimming pools, tennis courts), single-family and multifamily residential development, green space, and railroad tracks. The project does not entail an expansion of the existing campus boundaries.

The project would make substantial improvements to Fresno City College's existing softball facilities for the purpose of addressing the long-standing facility inequities that exist in the women's softball field, and increasing the overall quality and student experience of those enrolled in courses at the facility and women's softball program. The proposed improvements include new bleacher seating (200-person seating capacity), an announcer's booth, in-ground dugout enclosures, a batting cage area, two pitching

warm-up areas, backstop fencing (minimum 30-foot-tall netting style system), and field lighting. The project would utilize the existing softball field's outfield fencing, foul poles, and scoreboard. Field lighting would consist of light fixtures mounted on six 60-foot-tall poles. The lighting fixtures would utilize state-of-the-art LED lighting designed and oriented to light the field and project areas adjacent to the field that need to be lighted with little or no spillover on non-project areas. The project also includes construction of a field house (which contains a team room, coach's office, restrooms, snack bar, and storage areas), three ADA parking stalls, and concrete sidewalk areas. The three ADA parking stalls would be accessed via an existing on-campus access road and existing driveways on the east side of College Avenue near Cambridge Avenue. (A preliminary site plan is included as Figure 3.)

The project would operate year-round, with most activity occurring during the January-May collegiate softball season. The project is expected to host up to 20 games plus team practices during the softball season. The project may also be utilized for hosting occasional collegiate softball tournaments. Games and practices would be held on weekdays and weekends and would be scheduled for both daytime and evening hours. Operational hours would range from 7:00am to 10:00pm. If approved, the project is anticipated to begin construction in summer 2022 and be completed by June 2023, with the project beginning operation during the 2023-24 academic year.

Probable Environmental Effects of the Project: The potential environmental effects of the project are listed below. These effects have been identified on a preliminary basis, and may or may not be identified as potentially significant effects once evaluated in the Draft EIR. There may be other environmental effects identified in response to this Notice of Preparation, or during the preparation of the Draft EIR. The EIR will evaluate the probable environmental effects of the project on all resources and conditions listed in Appendix G of the State CEQA Guidelines.

1. The project could result in aesthetic impacts to the campus and its vicinity due to project clearing and construction activities as well as long-term changes resulting from the development of new structures and lighting.
2. Project-related air quality impacts could result from temporary construction emissions and from operational activities. Particulate emissions would be the pollutant of greatest concern during the project construction phase. Operational air emissions would result primarily from project-related transportation, with other emissions occurring from operation of maintenance equipment.
3. The project could adversely impact yet-to-be-discovered subsurface cultural resources located at the project site.
4. The site preparation, construction, and operational phases of the project would consume energy resources, including petroleum-based fuels and lubricants, electricity, and natural gas.
5. The EIR will assess the potential for the project to expose persons to hazards and hazardous materials.
6. The project would generate greenhouse gas emissions, which would contribute on a cumulative basis to global climate change.
7. The project may expose people to noise levels in excess of adopted standards during construction activities and during operational events.
8. The EIR will assess the potential for the project to result in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) greater than the regional average VMT, as well as the potential for transportation safety issues related to vehicular and pedestrian activity in the vicinity of the site.
9. The EIR will assess the potential for the project to result in impacts on various public utilities and services, such as sewer, water, stormwater drainage, solid waste, law enforcement, and fire protection.

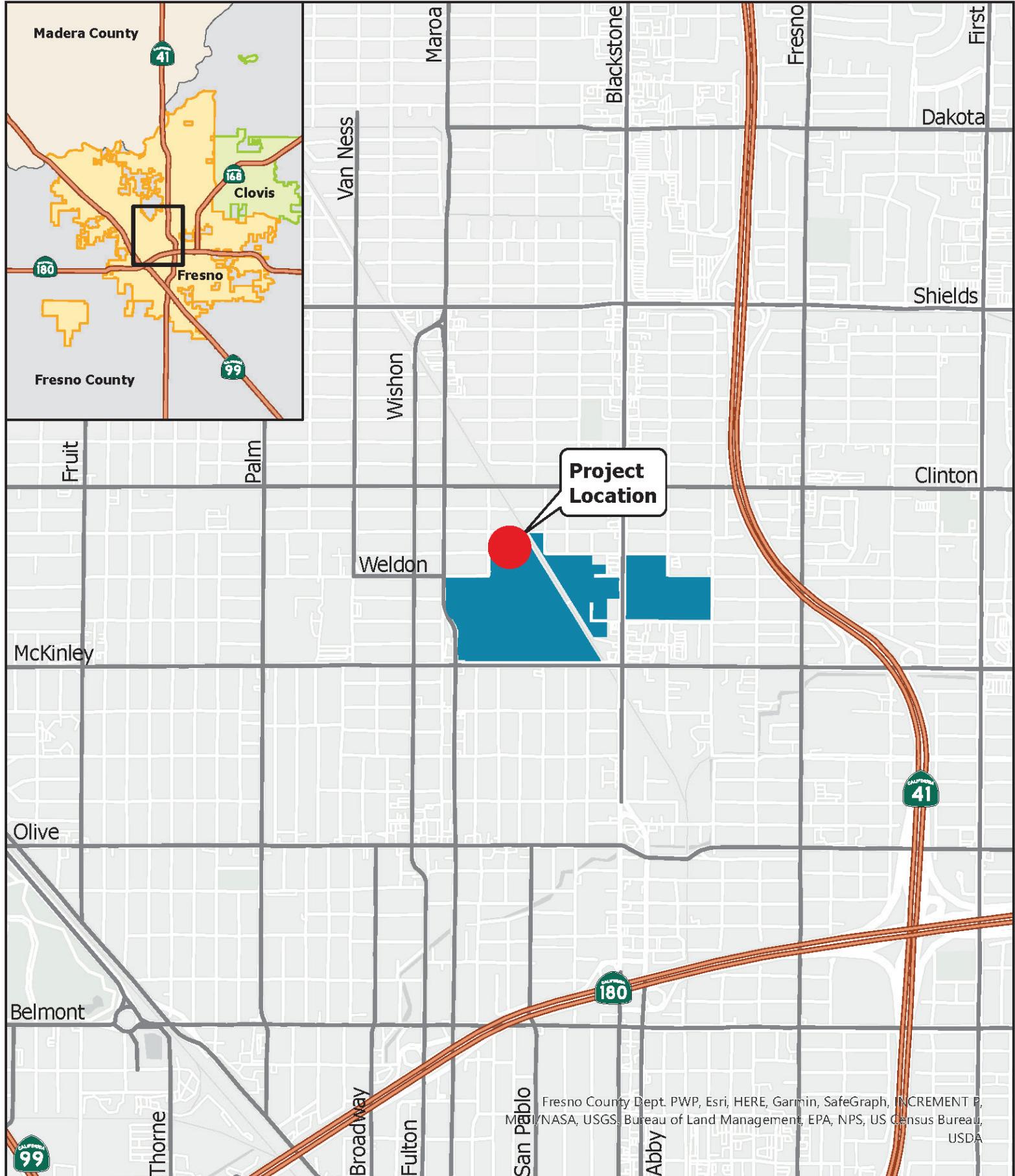


Figure 1



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Project Site

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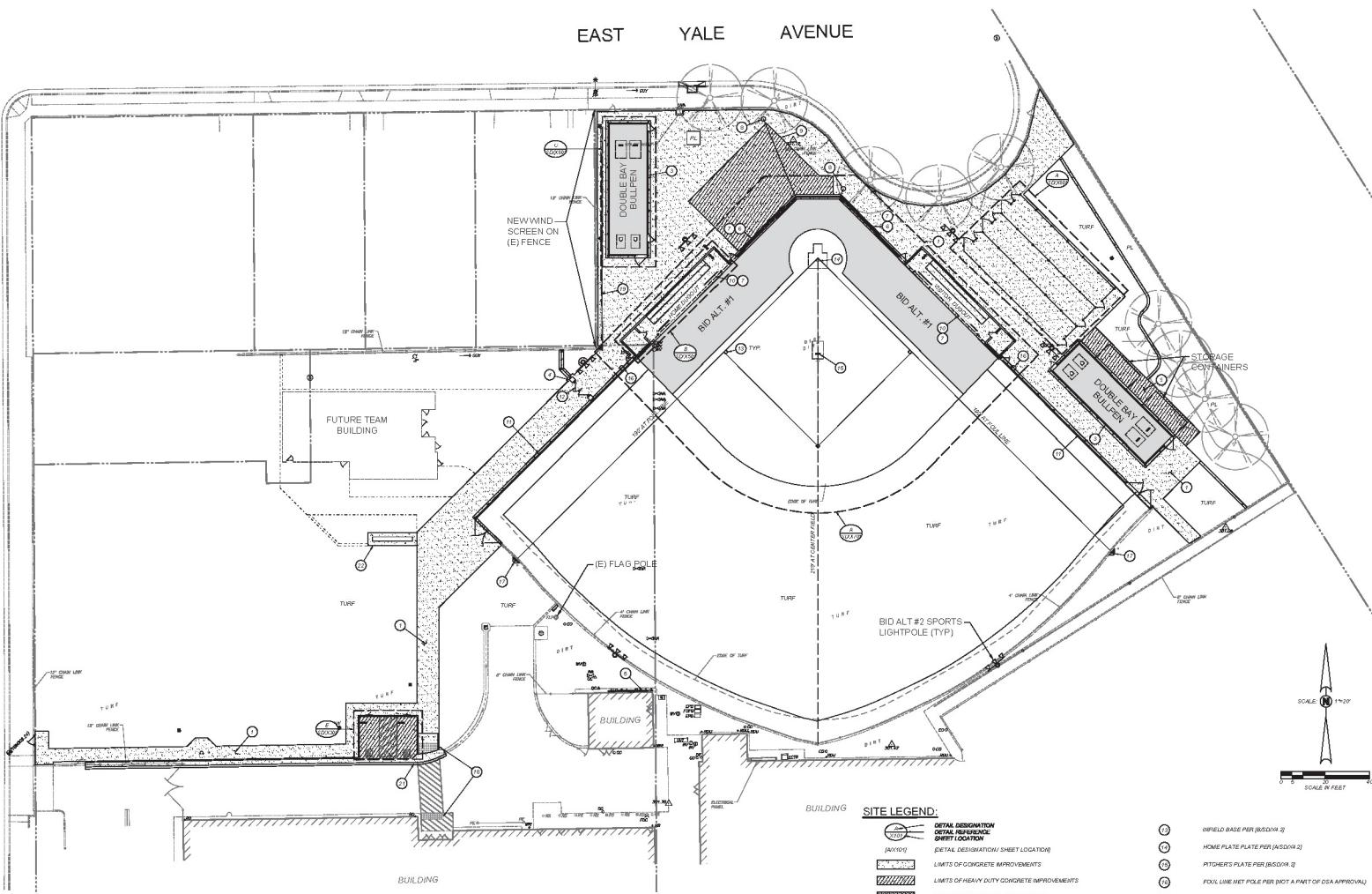
Figure 2

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Figure 3: Preliminary Site Plan

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GENERAL SITE NOTES:

- ALL CONCRETE MONSTRIPS, RAMPS AND SCREWBARS SHALL HAVE EXPANSION JOINTS AT 1' MAXIMUM OR CENTER PER BSCD/14-2
- #1 STAIN COVELED CONNECTION AT JUNCT OF NEW CONCRETE TO EXISTING CONCRETE (NOT A PART OF ASA APPROVAL)
- NO CONCRETE MAY BE POURED UNTIL THE FORMS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE PROJECT INSPECTOR
- ALL BURIED MECHANICAL OBJECTS SHALL HAVE A PROTECTIVE COATING APPLIED TO THE EXPOSED SURFACE
- ADJUSTABLE SPRINKLER HEADS IN ALL LATERAL LINES AS REQUIRED BY IMPROVEMENTS, AS SHOWN ON THE SURVEY
- 2 WORK DAYS BEFORE COMMENCING EXCAVATOR OPERATIONS WITHIN THE STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY AND/OR UTILITY EASEMENTS, ALL EXCAVATION ACTIVITIES SHALL BE STOPPED AND REPORTED BY UNDERGROUND SERVICES ALERT (USA), CALL 1-800-424-2444
- ANY SURVEY MONUMENTS WITHIN THE AREA OF CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE MAINTAINED AND NOT DISTURBED. IF REMOVED, THE MONUMENT SHALL BE RELOCATED AND REPLACED AT CONTRACTOR'S OWN EXPENSE
- BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS SHALL NOT OBSTRUCT ANY CITY STREET IMPROVEMENTS AS DETERMINED BY THE AGENCY HAVING JURISDICTION
- KEEP ALL REQUIRED PERMITS AND APPROVALS FROM AGENCY HAVING JURISDICTION FOR WORK WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY
- ADJUST UTILITY LIDS WITHIN NEW CONSTRUCTION AREA TO FINISHED GRADE AS SHOWN ON THE SURVEY
- REPLACE ALL ELEVATED LIDS WITH NEW, PROVIDE TRAFFIC-RATED LIDS WITHIN VEHICLE LOADING AREAS
- SEE IRRIGATION PLANS FOR LOCATIONS AND SIZES OF REQUIRED SPRINKLERS
- CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE ALL REQUIRED PERMITS TO COMPLETE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS
- CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE TO REPLACE ALL DAMAGED TURF DUE TO CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES
- ALL SOFTBALL FENCES 6' HIGH OR LESS, AND DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO THE FIELD OF PLAY SHALL RECEIVE FENCE TOP PROTECTION
- GATES SHALL MATCH THE HEIGHT OF THE ADJACENT FENCE EXCEPT WHERE NOTED OR SHOWN OTHERWISE.

GATE HARDWARE LEGEND:

- FIELD ACCESS GATE (NOT A PART OF ASA APPROVAL) TYPE LATENT LEAF WITH APPROPRIATE HARDWARE PER (ASD/1)
- MAINTENANCE USE GATE - DOORABLE FORK LATCH
- PUBLIC USE GATE - DOORABLE FORK LATCH LATCH SHALL BE SECURED IN AN OPEN POSITION DURING PUBLIC USE PER (ASD/1)
- VEHICLE ACCESS GATE PER DETAIL (ASD/1)

General Notes



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Project

SITE PLAN

Drawing



No Revision/Submission Date

100% DESIGN DEVELOPMENT Revision

Designed By: DMB Copyright: 2021 Darden Architects

Scale: 1" = 20' Drawn By: TJ

Project Number: 00800 Checked By: DMB

Date: 10/25/2021 Reviewed By: DMB Sheet _____ of _____



Agency Approval