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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT THE DRAFT INITIAL STUDY AND  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED FIELD MAINTENANCE  
SHOP AT THE BAKERSFIELD READINESS CENTER**

**Date:** August 17, 2022

The California Military Department (CMD) in coordination with the California Army National Guard (CAARNG) has prepared and intends to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration (including the Initial Study) (IS/MND) for the proposed Project described below, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Statute Section 21000 et seq. and CEQA Guidelines Section 15000 et seq.). CMD is the lead agency for the proposed Project under CEQA.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Field Maintenance Shop at the Bakersfield Readiness Center

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Project is located on a vacant parcel owned by the CMD directly west of CAARNG's existing Bakersfield Readiness Center in southwestern Bakersfield, central Kern County. The Project is situated directly south of California State Route 58 (SR58, also known as Bakersfield Tehachapi Highway) and west of the Mt. Vernon Avenue and Gateway Avenue intersection. The Project is approximately equidistant from California State Route 99 (SR99) to the west and California State Route 184 (SR184) to the east. The Project site is bounded by Gateway Avenue to the south (a dead-end road), Washington Street to the west, and SR58 to the north (Figure 1).

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT:** The CAARNG proposes to construct a new Field Maintenance Shop (FMS) directly west of the Bakersfield Readiness Center in Bakersfield, California. The Project as proposed includes an approximately 20,557 square feet (sf) FMS building, a vehicle wash rack that will occupy approximately 1,600-sf, and 150,000-sf of rigid pavement planned for military equipment/vehicle parking, sidewalks, and curbing. Landscaping on the Project site would include drought tolerant plants occupying approximately 30,000-sf (Figure 2). The remainder of the site would remain unimproved/dirt. Along with the primary facility and paved areas, the Project would include fencing, stormwater facilities, and personal vehicle parking. Total ground disturbance for this Project would be approximately 5.80 acres.

**POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:** The IS/MND includes mitigation measures to reduce impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, and geology and soils (CEQA Guidelines Section 15064(f)(2)).

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**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The IS/MND is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, beginning on August 23, 2022, and ending on September 21, 2022. Questions or comments regarding the Project should be directed to Robert Fiore by email [robert.a.fiore4.nfg@army.mil](mailto:robert.a.fiore4.nfg@army.mil) or Eimon Smith [emsmith@burnsmcd.com](mailto:emsmith@burnsmcd.com) or by mail to:

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The IS/MND can be reviewed online at [ceqanet.opr.ca.gov](http://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov). Printed copies of the IS/MND are available for public review at the following location:

Beale Memorial Library  
701 Truxtun Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93301