

Clovis Unified School District
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Kastner Athletic Field Lighting Project
(State Clearinghouse No. 2022080550)

Project Title: Kastner Athletic Field Lighting Project

Lead Agency and Project Sponsor: Clovis Unified School District

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Project Location and Description:

The project is planned for development at the Kastner Intermediate School campus, located at 7676 N. First Street, near the northeast corner of First Street and Alluvial Avenue in the City of Fresno. The project site is located at the southwest corner of the Kastner campus, encompassing an area of approximately 5.0 acres. The site currently includes a grass-turfed athletic field used for football and other field sports, a rubberized running track plus other track-and-field facilities, aluminum bleacher seating areas, and areas landscaped with grass and trees. The facilities are currently utilized for physical education as well as extracurricular athletic activities and events, which occur on weekdays and Saturdays.

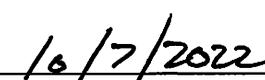
Facilities included as part of the project consist of four 80-foot-tall poles with LED lighting equipment, which would be installed at four different points around the perimeter of the existing field (two on the east side of the field, and two on the west side of the field). Each pole would be equipped with ten total pieces of lighting equipment (two mounted at 15.5 feet, one mounted at 60 feet, and seven mounted at 80 feet). The project's state-of-the-art lighting equipment is designed to be very focused and directional such that there is little or no light trespass beyond the school property. The project also includes onsite electrical infrastructure necessary for the project's operation.

Operationally, with the installation of lighting equipment, the project would allow for activities at the field to occur later in the evening. Games and practices are currently held (and would continue to be held) on weekdays and weekends. If the project is developed, some activities at the field may continue to be held during daytime hours; however, the overall number and variety of activities at the field would not be increased from existing conditions. The District will operate the lights as needed to accommodate activities occurring on the site and will cease lighting operations as soon as possible. The use of the lighting will in no event extend past 10:00 pm, and in most instances, the activities will cease substantially before 10:00 pm.

If approved, project construction and equipment installation activities are anticipated to occur in Fall 2022 for a period of two-to-three weeks, and operation of the lights would begin in late 2022.

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 are no potential impacts of the Kastner Athletic Field Lighting Project which could result in a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, it is the intent of Clovis Unified School District to adopt a Negative Declaration for the project.


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