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SCH #: 2022120347

Project Title: Buhach Colony High School Stadium

Lead Agency: Merced Union High School District

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Project Location: Atwater *City* Merced *County*

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

The project is proposed to be constructed on the existing Buhach Colony High School campus, located at the southeast corner of Buhach Road and Avenue Two in the City of Atwater, California. The stadium site is located within the interior of the existing campus in an area that is currently occupied by existing campus athletic facilities (a football field, running track, and baseball/softball fields). The project includes construction and operation of a 3,000-seat athletic stadium which would serve Buhach Colony High School's athletic programs. Facilities planned as part of the project include bleacher seating, monument entry, a ticket booth, an announcer's booth, two concession/team room/restroom buildings, a natural turf competition field, a rubberized running track, and a scoreboard. The existing football field and track has field lighting that would be used for the project. Additionally, the project includes landscaping features and new concrete-paved areas within the campus.

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

Biological Resources: Potential impacts to nesting birds. Mitigation: Preconstruction surveys, and if nesting birds are found, implement measures such as zones around nest locations or shifting construction work temporally or spatially away from the nesting birds.

Cultural Resources: Mitigate for potential subsurface resources, if encountered.

Geology and Soils: Mitigate for unanticipated paleontological resources, if encountered.

Hydrology and Water Quality: Require all chemicals and other hazardous products exceeding 20 gallons to be stored inside inundation protected buildings to avoid release of hazardous materials during a flood event.

Noise: Reduce construction noise levels (limiting construction hours, requiring mufflers and shrouds, and limitations on equipment idling). For operational noise, a noise barrier adjacent to a portion of southern property line and and closed riser seating is required.

Transportation: Various traffic controls during large events.

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

No areas of controversy regarding the project are known to the District at this time.

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

California Department of Education and the California Division of the State Architect – approval of stadium construction plans.

City of Atwater – approval of any necessary off-site improvements, such as for water supply and wastewater collection.

Merced County Department of Health – approval of plans for food preparation and service facilities.

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District – approval of Rule 9510 Indirect Source Review application.

State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) – approval of the SWPPP under the statewide NPDES Construction General Permit and approval of the SWPPP under the statewide NPDES Industrial General Permit.

Trustee Agency: California Department of Fish & Wildlife