

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
For the Firebaugh Las-Deltas Union School District
Hazel M. Bailey Primary School Expansion Project**

DATE: November 25, 2024

TO: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: Firebaugh Las-Deltas Union School District

PROJECT TITLE: Hazel M. Bailey Primary School Expansion Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Firebaugh Las-Deltas Union School District (FLDUSD) has prepared a Draft Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the project listed above pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15000 et seq. Anyone desiring to comment on the IS-MND may do so in writing within the 30-day public review period from Monday November 25, 2024, through 5:00 p.m. on Thursday December 26, 2024.

PROJECT LOCATION: The Hazel M. Bailey Primary School campus encompasses approximately 14 acres. The school is located east of Q Street and north of Saipan Street in Firebaugh, California. The Hazel M. Bailey Primary School is a multiple-building, public educational property located in the southeastern area of Firebaugh, immediately to the south of Dunkle Park and across S Street to the southwest of the San Joaquin River. The campus is located along the east side of Q Street, within the northeastern portion of the parcel identified as APN 008-020-63T. The campus also includes two smaller parcels, 008-020-66T and 008-020-64T, located between the Hazel M. Bailey School building's northwest side and the south corner of Dunkle Park. The Project site where project activities including ground disturbance and construction would take place is an approximately 46,000 square-foot area in the southeastern portion of the Hazel M. Bailey Primary School campus.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Project would include the construction of seven new buildings ranging from 2,840 square feet to 5,705 square feet. The five new buildings would contain 14 new classrooms in total. The new buildings proposed by the District would be used as transitional kindergarten classrooms to accommodate existing student capacity and would not increase enrollment. The proposed Project would also include a new fire lane with the addition of two fire hydrants connecting to an offsite fire hydrant and the addition of new concrete walkways throughout the site. Existing turf and planter areas on the Project site would be rehabilitated as part of the Project. The Project would include the installation of new signage and accessibility features including an accessible drinking fountain and accessible chain link gate. Several trees, curb cut ramps and portions of chain link fence would be removed for new construction and site improvements. No existing structures would be demolished as a result of the Project.

Construction is estimated to occur over an approximately 13-month period from August 2025 to September 2026. During site preparation, 4,500 cubic yards of soil would be excavated and

exported offsite, and 4,500 cubic yards of soil would be imported from off-site sources. Construction staging would occur onsite in the northeast corner of the Project site. Staging equipment and temporary work areas utilized during Project construction would be located within the Project site and would not require closure of existing roadways in the Project vicinity.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

Pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, an Initial Study was prepared for the project. The Initial Study describes the environmental impacts of the project and identifies mitigation measures where necessary to reduce impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils (paleontological resources), and hazards and hazardous materials (soil and gas management plan) to less-than-significant levels. The proposed mitigation measures would be implemented as part of the project to ensure the project would not generate a significant adverse impact on the environment during construction or operation. Based on this assessment, a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/REVIEW: In accordance with Section 15073 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Draft IS-MND is available for public review for 30 days from Monday November 25, 2024, through 5:00 p.m. on Thursday December 26, 2024, at:

- Firebaugh Las-Deltas Union School District Website
(https://www.fldusd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=930205&type=d&pREC_ID=1264990)
- Firebaugh Las-Deltas Union School District Office during normal business hours (1976 Morris Kyle Drive, Firebaugh, CA 93622)

Written comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday December 26, 2024. Please address comments to:

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