

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
For the Kerman Unified School District
Kerman High School Athletic Facilities Master Plan Expansion Project**

DATE: December 11, 2024

TO: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: Kerman Unified School District

PROJECT TITLE: Kerman High School Athletic Facilities Master Plan Expansion Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Kerman Unified School District (KUSD) 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 Wednesday December 11, 2024, through 5:00 p.m. on Friday January 10, 2025.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located at 15180 West Whitesbridge Avenue in the city of Kerman and in unincorporated Fresno County, California (see Figure 1). The project site includes Assessor's Parcel Numbers [APN] 020-120-28S, 020-120-32ST, 020-120-26ST, 020-120-27ST, and 020-120-24ST, and extends to the centerline of State Route [SR] 180 (Whitesbridge Avenue) and North Del Norte Avenue. The central and eastern portion of the project site are located within the Kerman city limits, while the western portion of the project site is located within unincorporated Fresno County, within the City's sphere of influence (SOI).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Proposed improvements within the expansion area would include a covered parking lot with solar panels; a battery storage/utility building; a maintenance, operations, and transportation (MOT) facility; a food service building; an office and printshop; and a stormwater basin. These improvements would have an approximate footprint of 51,100 square feet. The limits of the expansion area extend to the centerline of North Del Norte Avenue and SR 180, to address required future street and frontage improvements that could include new curb and gutter, added acceleration/deceleration lanes on SR 180, and installation of street signage and pavement improvements. Details of these improvements would be determined at time of project construction when submitting for building permits. The expansion area also accommodates the proposed internal access road and roundabout running between SR 145 and North Del Norte Avenue at the north edge of the site.

Improvements to the 2016 Project site (proposed as part of the 2024 Project) include a storage facility, gymnasium, entry booths to the soccer/football stadium, two restroom facilities, two snack bars, grandstand seating for the soccer/football stadium, and three buildings to support the aquatics facilities (one building with restrooms/showers, one building with a snack bar, coaches offices, and team room, and one building with pool chemical and equipment storage). These improvements would have an approximate footprint of 56,900 square feet and a maximum height of 50 feet.

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 aesthetics, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils (paleontological resources), and noise 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 Wednesday December 11, 2024, through 5:00 p.m. on Friday January 10, 2025, at:

- Kerman Unified School District Website (<https://www.kermanusd.com/>)
- Kerman Unified School District Office during normal business hours (15218 W. Whitesbridge Avenue, Kerman, CA 93630)

Written comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday January 10, 2025. Please address comments to:

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