

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2025020127
Project Title: North Central Fire Protection District Training Campus Project
Project Applicant: North Central Fire Protection District
Project Location (include county): A FN 025 200 -17S
Project Description: See attached

This is to advise that the North Central Fire Protection District has approved the above
(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)
described project on March 27, 2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
(date)
described project.

- 1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the
negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:
North Central Fire Protection District, 15850 W. Kearney Boulevard, Kerman, CA 93630

Signature (Public Agency): [Signature] Title: Fire Chief

Date: March 28, 2025 Date Received for filing at OPR: 3/28/2025

North Central Fire Protection District Training Campus Project Description

The North Central Fire Protection District (NCFPD) proposes the development of instruction, training and emergency operations facilities at a single specialized campus. Development of the proposed project would ensure crew readiness to respond to emergency incidents with the NCFPD's 230 square mile service area and support partner agencies when needed. Additionally, the project would allow the NCFPD to utilize the facilities at the campus for training exercises and community events related to the provision of emergency services. The Project will be completed in three phases: Phase 1 totaling 5.68 acres, Phase 2 totaling 17.41 acres, and Phase 3 totaling 35.20 acres.

Phase 1 consists of a fire station with three bays (15,400 square feet), an emergency operations center (15,200 square feet), drafting pit training area, leach field, parking lot and landscaping. Water will be provided from existing onsite water well on site. Once development commences on site, a potable water tank will be included for any of the buildings. In the future, the site may connect to the City's water service system. A septic system and leach field will also be constructed during Phase 1.

Phase 2 consists of the following training facilities: a fire apparatus building / big box building with six bays (14,400 square feet), electrical tower, generator area, water tank storage, roof props residential / commercial ventilation training with an outdoor classroom, propane props/tanks, cinder block, vehicle extrication with outdoor classroom, two-story Class A burn building with a live burn prop tower, five-story Class B burn building with a propane prop tower, small town prop training area, drone training area with research and development classrooms/tech labs and a fire training center (26,000 square feet) equipped with offices, classrooms, conference rooms, shower facilities, restrooms and tactical simulator training. Phase 2 will also include a storm water and recycled water retention basin, leach field, parking lot, landscaping and a maintenance facility/storage with three bays (16,620 square feet).

Phase 3 consists of the development of a concrete helipad site (Type 2), solar panel training area, electrical vehicle area, outdoor classroom, driving track course, driving track course classroom/observation tower, stormwater pond (approximately 5.0 acres), lithium ion-battery storage training area and rail/train training area. Phase 3 will also include the dedication of a 30-foot easement for the future development of a roadway on the easterly border of the site.

The proposed new fire station will be operational 24 hours a day, every day of the calendar year and will be operated and maintained by the NCFPD. The training facility will conduct two firefighter academies per year with approximately eight new trainees per academy class. Each academy is scheduled for six weeks or 30 days of training. It is anticipated that full buildout will occur over a 10-year period.