

Appendix I Service Provider Responses

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June 12, 2024

Porterville Fire Department
Clayton Dignam, Fire Marshal
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Porterville, CA 93257

Subject: Request for Service Provider Information for the Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Santa Fe Elementary School Expansion Project

Submitted via email to fire-dept@ci.porterville.ca.us and mailed to address above

Dear Clayton Dignam:

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Project Location

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Regional vehicle access to the project site comes from State Route 65 (SR-65), approximately 1.5 miles west of the project site, and State Route 190 (SR-190), approximately 0.7 miles south of the project site. Locally, the project site is served by local streets that surround the project site. Orange Avenue provides direct vehicle and pedestrian access to the project site. In the vicinity of the project site, Orange Avenue is a two-way roadway with two travel lanes in each direction. Sidewalks border both sides of the street. See Figures 1, *Regional Location*, and 2, *Local Vicinity*.

The project site is surrounded by the Santa Fe ES campus to the northeast and east; and undeveloped disturbed land (owned by the City) to the north. Across Orange Avenue to the west and south are residential uses (see Figure 3, *Project Location with APNs*).

Existing Conditions

Santa Fe ES, an approximately 11.3-acre elementary school campus, is comprised of District-owned property (APNs: 261-150-058, 261-150-057, and 261-140-025) and a portion of City-owned property on the western side of the campus (APN: 261-150-056); see Figure 3. The campus currently serves grades kindergarten through fifth grade. The campus has an enrollment capacity of 816 students and has an existing enrollment of 822 students.

The 4.5-acre project site is on the western portion of the campus and includes building 200A, an existing parking lot, concrete walkways, a portion of the grass playfield, a playground, picnic benches, a pavilion, fencing, a bike rack, lighting, landscaping, and trees. Additionally, the project site includes undeveloped but disturbed 3.80-acre City-owned parcel located west of the campus. See Figure 3.

Project Description

The proposed project would expand the Santa Fe ES campus with the acquisition of a 3.80-acre City-owned parcel and the construction of two new classroom buildings (building 700 and 800) to serve transitional kindergarten (TK), preschool (pre-K), and kindergarten students, a new parking lot, and a new pickup/drop-off area. The project would also renovate the existing parking lot 2, south of classroom buildings 200A and 200. The proposed project would accommodate up to 275 transitional kindergarten, preschool, and kindergarten students at the Santa Fe ES campus, resulting in an increase of student capacity to 1,091 students. See Figure 4, *Site Plan*.

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The existing Parking lot 2 would be reconfigured and would include a pick-up/drop off area and new driveways, which would result in a reduction of seven parking stalls compared to existing conditions. The existing driveway turnaround in the southeastern side of Parking lot 2 would be reconfigured to connect to the Howard Street. Additionally, five trash enclosures would be installed north of the reconfigured connection to Howard Street. Towards the center of campus (towards the middle of parking lot 2), a new ingress-egress driveway would be installed leading to a parent pick-up/drop-off area to the west of building 700. The parent pick-up/drop-off area would include two lanes that provide one-way direction. The pick-up/drop-off area would be bordered by a walkway to the north that would lead to building 700 and the central part of the campus. Additionally, the proposed project includes new landscaping along Orange Avenue, restriping of the Parking lot 2, a new entrance sign, and existing sidewalk along Orange Avenue would be widened.

The proposed project would construct a new parking lot ("Parking lot 3") on the northwestern side of the project site, adjacent to building 700. One ingress-egress driveway from parking lot 2 would provide access to parking lot 3. Parking lot 3 would consist of 49 parking stalls, which would include two accessible parking stalls, one van accessible parking stall, one van accessible EV charging, one standard EV charging station, and five EV charging capable stalls. Compared to existing conditions, the proposed project would result in an increase of 42 parking stalls. See Figure 3, *Site Plan*.



Regular instruction hours are from 8:30am to 2:45pm. Currently, the SFES offers a before-school Expanded Learning program between 7:20am to 8:10am that serves approximately 450 students and an after-school Expanded Learning Opportunity program between 2:45pm to 6:00pm that serves about 600 students. Consistent with the Civic Center Act, SFES's facilities are available to the public outside of school use and can be reserved through the districtwide "Facilitron" platform. The proposed project would extend the before-school Expanded Learning program from an 8:10am end time to an 8:30am end time (20 minutes). No other changes to the programs or hours of operation would occur as a result of the proposed project.

Please respond to PlaceWorks no later than **June 28, 2024**. If you need additional time to respond, please let me know as soon as possible. You can email your responses to me at mzimmermann@placeworks.com. If you prefer, mail the completed questionnaire to my attention at 3 MacArthur Place, Suite 1100, Santa Ana, California 92707. Feel free to contact me at 714.966.9220 or via the aforementioned email. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

PLACEWORKS

Mariana Zimmermann

Senior Associate II

Enclosures:

Questionnaire

Figure 1 Regional Location

Figure 2 Local Vicinity

Figure 3 Project Location with APNs

Figure 4 Site Plan

Santa Fe Elementary School Expansion Project
Fire Services Questionnaire – Porterville Fire Department

1. Please confirm that the nearest fire station closest to and that serves the project site is Porterville Fire Department’s Fire Station #71. What other stations will serve the Project Site in case of fire?

Fire Station 71 is the first in station for initial response, in the event of a structure fire, both Station 72 (500 N. Newcomb) and Station 73 (980 S. Jaye St.) will respond.

Are there any service agreements with other local or regional fire agencies (other than Tulare County Fire Department) for additional support?

In addition to Tulare County Fire, Porterville Fire Department has and Automatic Aid agreement with Cal Fire to respond for structure fires and mutual aid as requested.

Please fill in the information requested below regarding the equipment (e.g., engines, fire trucks, EMT vehicles) and daily staffing for each of the stations noted, as well as any other station(s) not noted but pertinent.

Station	Location	Equipment	Daily Staffing
Porterville – Fire Station #71	40 West Cleveland Avenue Porterville, CA 93257	1 75' Aerial Ladder Truck 1 Type 1 Engine 1 Type 6 Patrol	5
Porterville – Fire Station #72	500 N. Newcomb St., Porterville, CA 93257	1 Type 1 Engine 1 Type 6 patrol	4
Porterville – Fire Station #73	980 S. Jaye St., Porterville, CA 93257	1 Type 1 Engine 1 Type 6 patrol 1 2,000 gal Tactical Water Tender	4

2. What is the Porterville Fire Department’s response time goal/policy standard (in minutes) for responding to emergency and non-emergency calls in the service area? What is the current average response time?

The Porterville Fire Department has adopted key response related standards from NFPA 1710 (Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments). The response standard for the first arriving engine to a fire is five (5) minutes and twenty (20) seconds, 90% of the time. The response time standard for the arrival of the first emergency medical unit is five (5) minutes, 90% of the time. From the PFD 2023 Annual Report, response times show that in 2023 our response time performance to fires was met 80% of the time and EMS response time was met 74% of the time.

3. Are there any existing deficiencies (personnel, equipment) in the fire protection service currently provided to the project site?

None known at this time

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Fire Services Questionnaire – Porterville Fire Department**

4. Any existing plans for fire service facilities or expanded capacity (personnel, equipment, station) that would serve the project site?

Porterville is currently assessing sites for acquisition and placement of Fire Station 74, which will respond to the site for fire and other emergencies. The site has not been selected as of this report.

5. What impact (if any) will the proposed project have on the Porterville Fire Department's ability to provide fire protection and emergency service to the planning area?

The addition of fully sprinklered classrooms with monitoring will not have a negative impact on the Porterville Fire Department for fire suppression. The additional impact to the Prevention Division for annual state mandated inspections is de-minimus.

6. What are the primary sources of funding for the Porterville Fire Department's operations and improvements? Do you collect development impact fees?

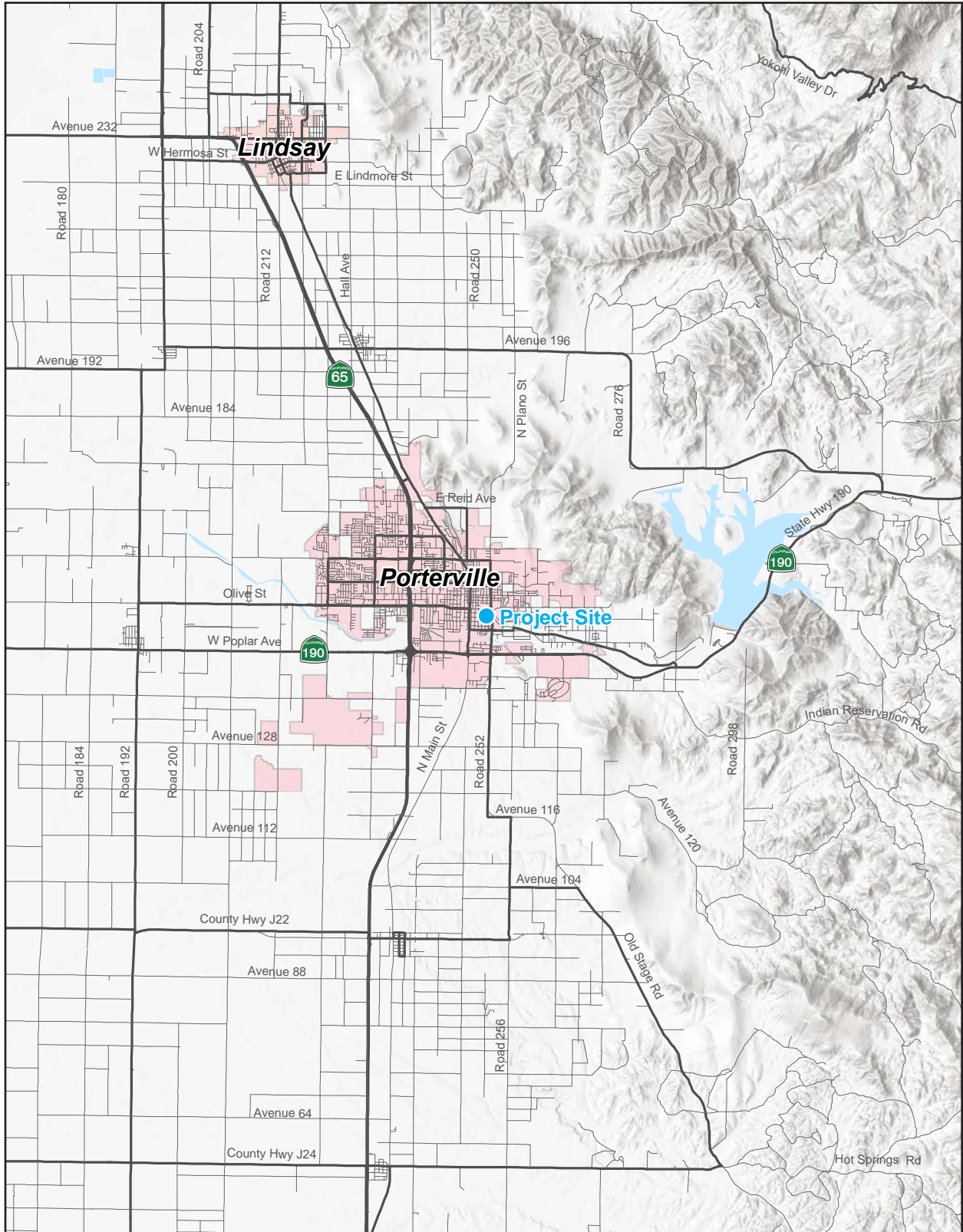
The primary sources of funding come from local property and sales tax revenue. In addition to the State sales tax, Porterville has two additional sales tax increases. Measure H is a 1/2 cent, and Measure I is a one cent sales tax. Both have a percentage dedicated to the Fire Department. The City will collect impact fees when there is a connection to city utilities, or off-site improvements.

7. Please provide any additional comments you wish to make regarding the proposed project.

Responses Prepared By:

Clayton Dignam	Fire Marshal
Name	Title
Porterville Fire Department	06/13/2024
Agency	Date

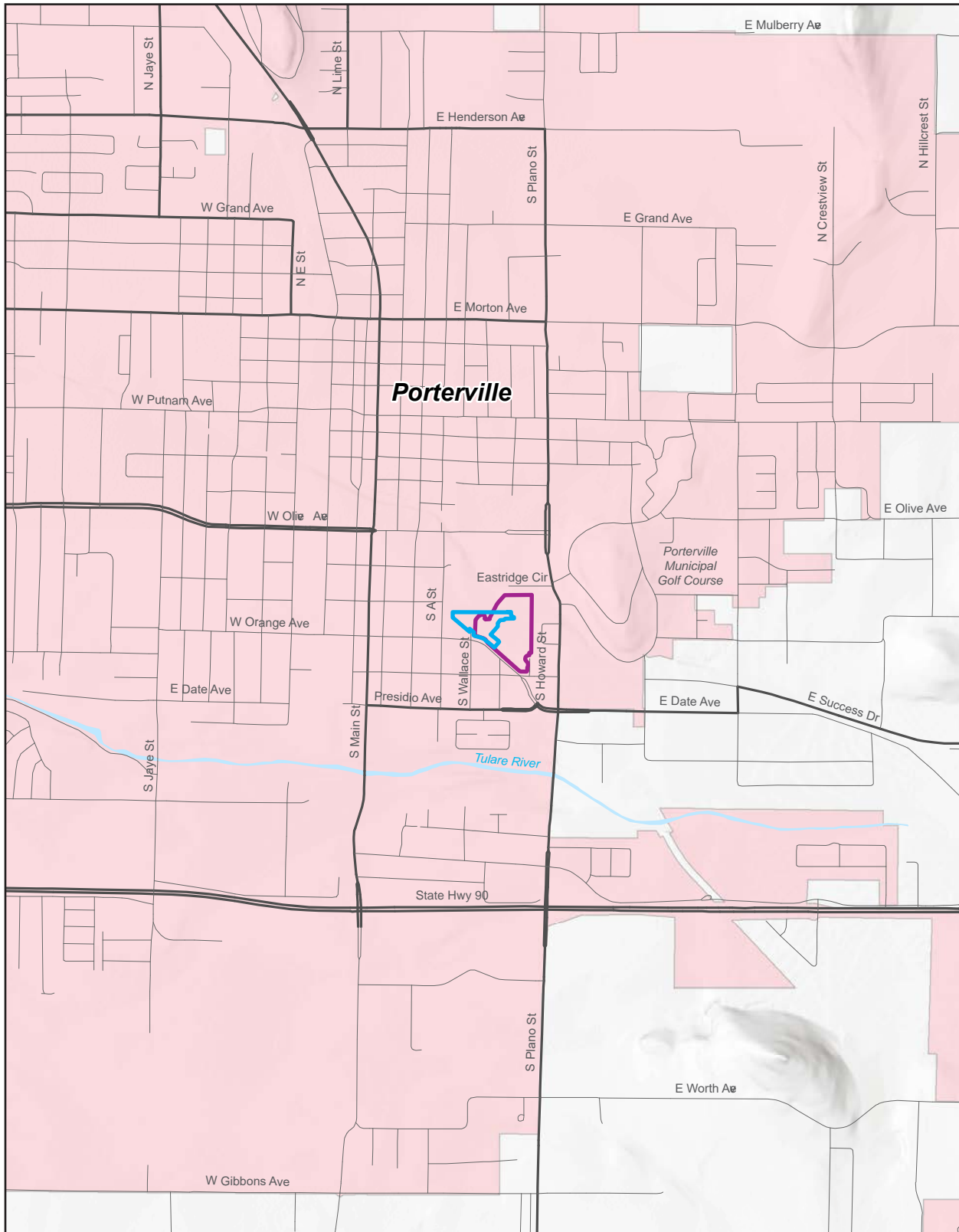
Figure 1 - Regional Location





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Figure 2 - Local Vicinity



-  School Boundary
-  Project Boundary

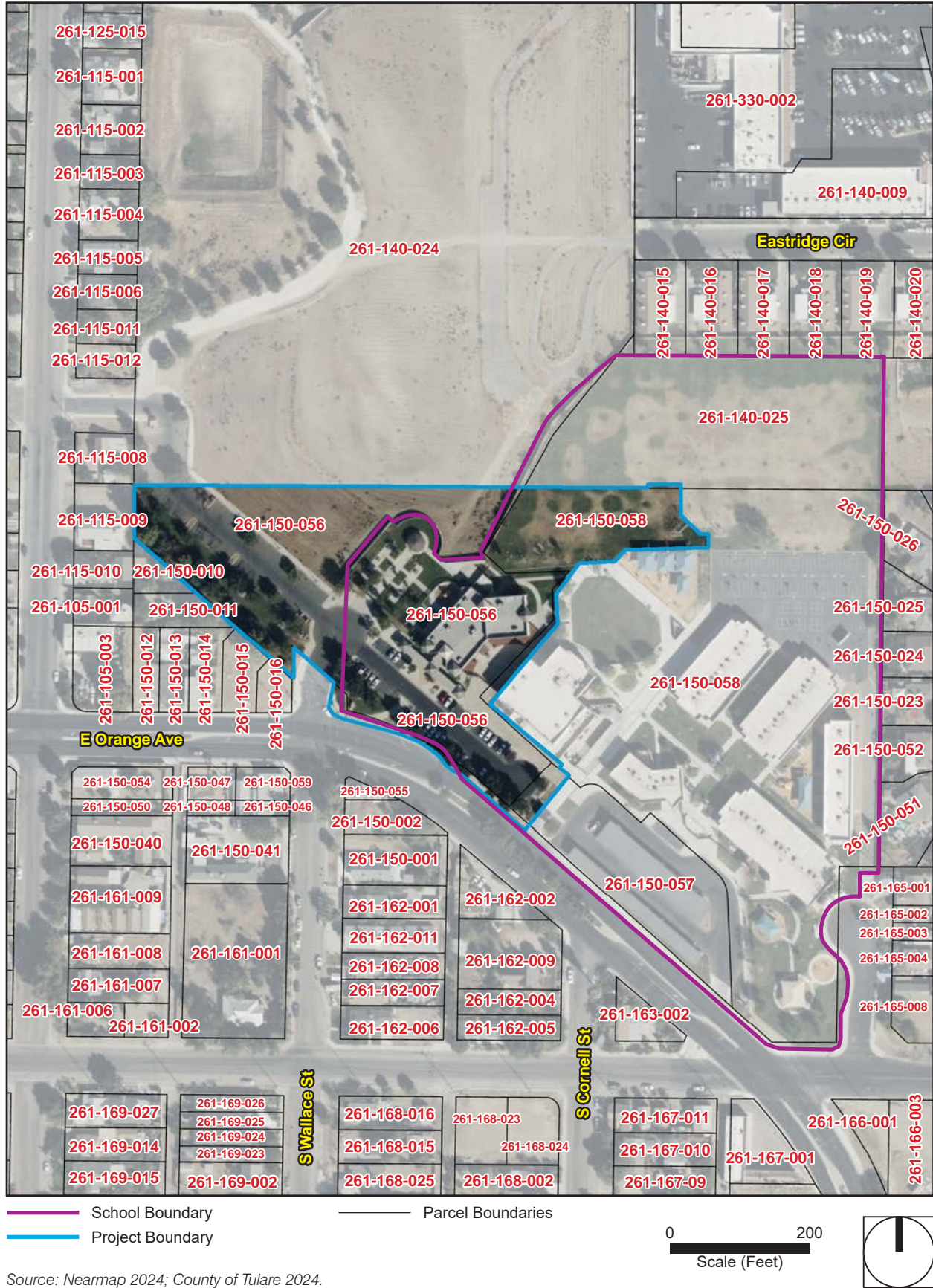
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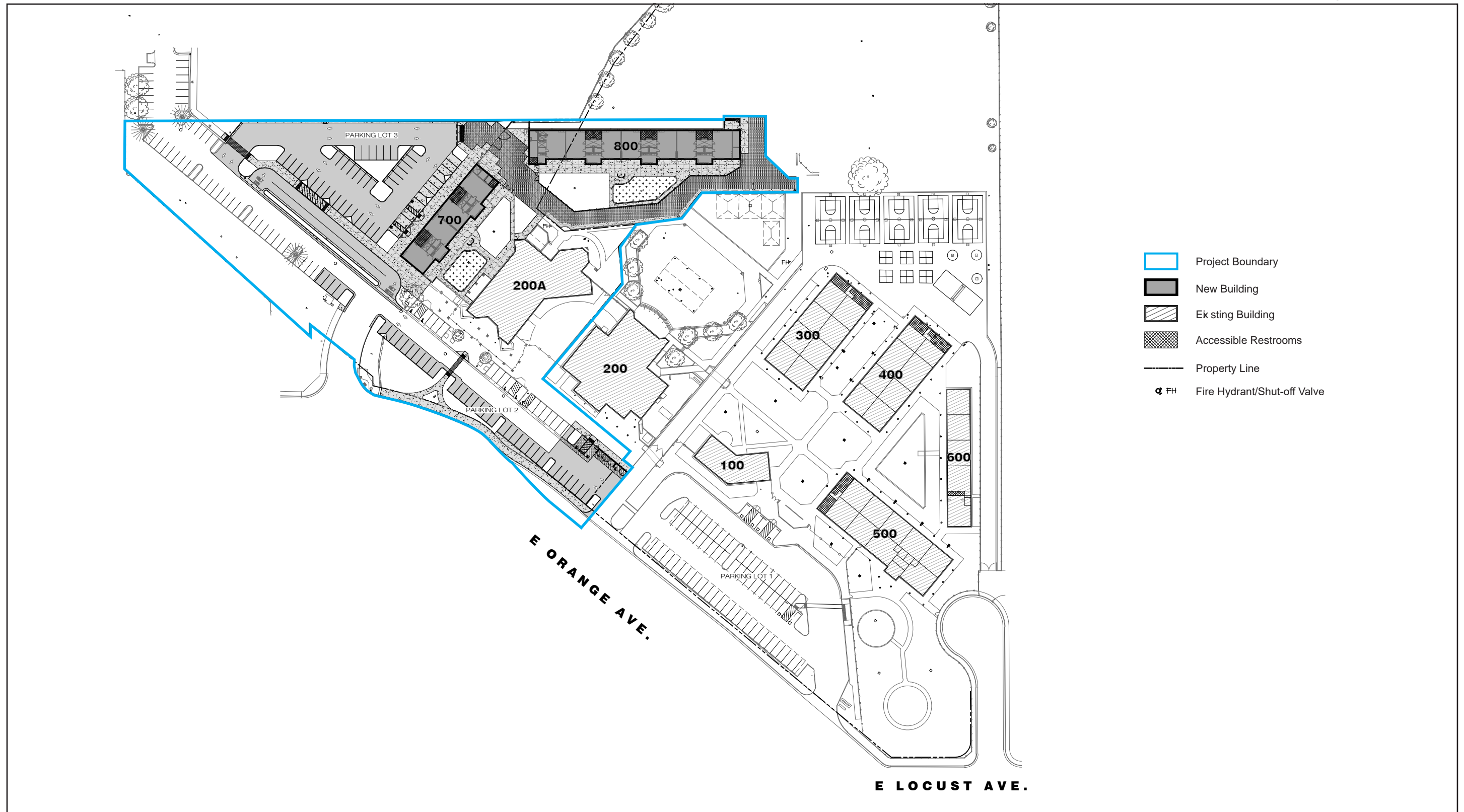


Figure 3 - Project Location with APNs



Source: Nearmap 2024; County of Tulare 2024.

Figure 4 - Site Plan



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June 12, 2024

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*PLEASE
SUBMIT*

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Mariana Zimmermann
Senior Associate II

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Questionnaire

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Santa Fe Elementary School Expansion Project
Police Services Questionnaire – Porterville Police Department

1. Please provide the information requested below regarding staffing for the police services for the project site, as well as any other station(s) not noted but pertinent.

Station	Location	Daily Staffing	Total Staffing	Equipment
Porterville Police Station	350 North D Street, Porterville, CA 93257	Approx 30	Approx 133	# patrol cars - 89 #motorcycles - 0 1-SWAT VEHICLE 7-TRAILERS 1-ATV
Other stations or smaller office facilities? (if relevant)	279 N. D ANIMAL CONTROL - 5 980 S. JAYE PUBLIC SAFETY - 3 BUILDING			

2. What is the Porterville Police Department's response time goal/policy standard (in minutes) for responding to emergency and non-emergency calls in the service area?

3 MINUTES

3. What is the Porterville Police Department's current average response time (in minutes) for emergency and non-emergency calls?

4-5 MINUTES

4. Are there any existing deficiencies (personnel, equipment, facilities) in the police protection service currently provided to the project site?

NO

5. Any plans for new Police stations near the project site?

NO

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Police Services Questionnaire – Porterville Police Department

6. Given the existing level of resources (stations, equipment, personnel), does the Porterville Police Department's Office anticipate that it will have adequate resources to meet the additional demands that would be generated by the proposed project?

YES

If not, please summarize any additional resources that would be needed.

7. What impact (if any) other than increased service calls will the proposed project have on the Porterville Police Department's Office's ability to provide police protection service to the project area?

NONE

8. What are the primary sources of funding the Porterville Police Department's Office operations and improvements?

*GENERAL FUNDS / TAX MEASURE "I"
AND PUBLIC SAFETY TAX MEASURE "H"*

Will the proposed project be responsible for any police impact fees? If yes, who collects the fees?

NO

9. Does the Porterville Police Department have any design guidelines or programs pertaining to reducing and/or preventing crimes through environmental design? If yes, please provide the guidelines and/or program procedure.

NO

Santa Fe Elementary School Expansion Project
Police Services Questionnaire – Porterville Police Department

10. Please provide any additional comments you wish to make regarding the Proposed Project.

None

Response Prepared By:

<u><i>JAKE CASTELLON</i></u>	<u><i>CHIEF</i></u>
Name	Title
<u><i>PORTERVILLE POLICE</i></u>	<u><i>6-10-24</i></u>
Agency	Date