

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT-SCH # 2018061027
FOR THE
PROPOSED BUFORD OIL COMPANY TRAVEL CENTER

Project Title: Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR, SCH #2018061027) for Buford Oil Company Travel Center Conditional Use Permit 17-03.

Project Applicant: Buford Oil Co., P.O. Box 104, Hanford, CA 93232

Lead Agency: City of Fowler, Planning Department, 128 5th Street, Fowler, CA 93625

Project Location: The Project is located within the City of Fowler on an approximately 19-acre parcel identified as Assessor Parcel No.345-180-30. The Project site is located at 2747 E. Manning Avenue. The site lies within Section 23, Township 15 South, Range 21 East, MDB&M. The site is not located on any lists of sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

Project Description: Buford Oil Co. seeks a Conditional Use Permit for the proposed removal of the existing approximately 10-acre Fowler Shell Truck Stop and replacement with a new, more modern Buford Oil Co. Travel Center. The proposed expansion will utilize the entire approximately 19-acres parcel. In addition to a newer diesel truck and automobile gas fueling facilities, weigh station, and convenience store, the expanded development will also include a 120 room, 4-story hotel, two quick-serve and one sit-down family style dining facilities, and a truck wash, tire and lube center. A Travel Center building will also offer a variety of traveling amenities for truck drivers including a lounge, game room, ATMs, Western Union Check Cashing, and wi-fi and restroom facilities with showers and laundry.

Project Purpose & Beneficiaries: The purpose and objectives of the Project are to promote economic activity and job growth within the City of Fowler, maximize the utilization of the land owned by Buford Oil Company, provide a modernized and safe place for commercial truck drivers and motorists to stop and rest, and provide additional services and facilities needed to accommodate the expanded traveling public within the San Joaquin Valley along the SR 99.

Potential Significant Environmental Effects: Potentially significant environmental impacts of the Project include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) Air Quality; (2) Biological Resources; (3) Greenhouse Gas Emissions; and (4) Transportation/Traffic.

The 45-day public review and comment period begins on July 19, 2019 and will end at 5:00PM September 3, 2019. Responses from agencies or organizations should include the name of a contact person responsible for the comments. A copy of the DEIR may be obtained and/or reviewed at the public counter of the Fowler City Hall, 128 South 5th Street, Fowler CA 93625.

Please send written comments to: Dawn E. Marple, Contract City Planner; City of Fowler Planning and Community Development Department; 128 South Fifth 5th Street, Fowler CA 93625; Email: dmarple@ci.fowler.ca.us

After the close of the 45-day comment period, the Conditional Use Permit and recommended environmental determination will be heard before the City of Fowler Planning Commission on October 3, 2019. The City of Fowler City Council meetings begin at 6:30 pm at City Hall, 128 South 5th Street, Fowler CA 93625.

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