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SCH #: 2019120473

Project Title: Juniper Elementary School Project

Lead Agency: Atwater Elementary School District

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Project Location: Atwater (*City*) Merced (*County*)

Project Decription (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The proposed Juniper Elementary School Project (project) includes the construction and operation of a new elementary school on a 9.82-acre site owned by the Atwater Elementary School District (District). The site is located at the northwest corner of Juniper Avenue and Bridgewater Street in the City of Atwater, Merced County, CA.

The elementary school would serve up to 600 students in grades TK-6. The campus would have 25 classrooms, administrative offices, a multi-purpose building, hardcourt areas and athletic fields, which may include lighting. The school would be staffed by up to 45 employees, including administrators, faculty, and support staff. The school would be in regular session on weekdays from late August to early June, but may host special events and classes during evenings, on weekends, and during summer recess.

The District estimates that construction of the project would begin in late 2021, with operation of the proposed elementary school beginning in August 2023.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Atwater Elementary School District has incorporated into the project mitigation measures for potentially significant project impacts:

Air Quality: Mitigate for localized air pollutant emissions.

Biological Resources: Mitigate for potential special status birds with pre-construction surveys and construction buffers, as necessary.

Cultural Resources: Mitigate for potential discovery of unknown subsurface archaeological and historical resources, and human remains.

Geology and Soils: Mitigate for potential discovery of unknown subsurface paleontological resources.

Noise: Mitigate for construction noise.

Transportation: Mitigate for vehicular traffic/safety

Tribal Cultural Resources:Mitigate for potential discovery of unknown subsurface tribal cultural resources.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

The City of Atwater has expressed concern about traffic-related impacts and the adjacent 55+ senior housing development has expressed concern about the potential for increased traffic and noise.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Department of Education: Review and approve school site and school building plans for conformance with applicable state rules and regulations governing schools.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife: Review project for impacts on biological resources.

California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC): review and approve site testing and analysis to ensure tthere are no hazardous materials present that would pose a problem to school use of the site.

City of Atwater: Review and approve the location, design, and construction of street, water, sewer, storm drainage improvements.

Merced County Division of Environmental Health: Review and approve cafeteria facilities.

Merced Irrigation District: Review and approve storm drainage improvements.