

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

This is to advise that the Kern High School District (KHSD) has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project identified below that is scheduled to be held at the Kern High School District – Board of Trustees meeting on April 14, 2020.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Kern High School – Board of Trustees will consider adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration at the Board’s meeting to be held on April 14, 2020. Presentations will be made at approximately 7:00 p.m. Action on items on the board agenda will occur after the presentations. The meeting will be held in the EOC Administrative Building, Kern High School District, 5801 Sundale Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93309.

Project Name

New Comprehensive High School - Southwest

Project Location

Southeast corner of Wible Road and Engle Road, south of Bakersfield, CA.

Project Description

The Kern High School District (KHSD, as lead agency) has proposed to construct and operate a new Comprehensive High School (Project), within the unincorporated area of central Kern County at the southern end of San Joaquin Valley, California. The high school campus will occupy approximately 60-acres of the 80-acre Project site. The additional acreage may be kept by KHSD or sold as surplus land. The enrollment capacity will be 2,000 students with the ability to expand to 2,500 students. There will be multiple buildings, with an approximate area totaling 200,000 to 250,000 square feet (sq. ft.). These buildings will include classrooms, administrative and multi-purpose rooms, athletic and play fields. A portion of the site could be Career Technical classroom area, athletic facilities, or any other education function or expansion to the campus. A photovoltaic solar array will also be installed. School facilities typically include single- and multi-story, permanent building structures and some portable units on temporary or permanent foundations with room for future expansion capabilities. The Project site would be primarily accessed from Wible Road and Engel Road.

The document and documents referenced in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at Kern High School District Office, 5801 Sundale Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93309, and at the Kern County Beale Memorial Library located at 701 Truxtun Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93301.

As mandated by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the public review period for this document was 30 days (CEQA Section 15073[b]). The public review period began on February 28, 2020 and ended on March 30, 2020. For further information, please contact Jaymie L. Brauer at 661-616-2600.