

**Clovis Unified School District**  
**Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for the**  
**Kastner Athletic Field Lighting Project**  
**(State Clearinghouse No. 2022080550)**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:**

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Clovis Unified School District has prepared an Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the proposed Kastner Athletic Field Lighting Project (“project”). Based on the Initial Study, the District has determined there are no potential impacts of the project which could result in a significant effect on the environment.

The Governing Board of Clovis Unified School District will consider adopting the Negative Declaration and approving the project on Wednesday, November 9th, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the District Boardroom, 1680 David E. Cook Way, Clovis, California. All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting and present testimony regarding the project.

**Project Location and Description:**

The project is planned for development at the Kastner Intermediate School campus, located at 7676 N. First Street, near the northeast corner of First Street and Alluvial Avenue in the City of Fresno. The project site is located at the southwest corner of the Kastner campus, encompassing an area of approximately 5.0 acres. The site currently includes a grass-turfed athletic field used for football and other field sports, a rubberized running track plus other track-and-field facilities, aluminum bleacher seating areas, and areas landscaped with grass and trees. The facilities are currently utilized for physical education as well as extracurricular athletic activities and events, which occur on weekdays and Saturdays. Figures 1 and 2 display the location of the project and an aerial view of the site.

The District is proposing to undertake the project in order to provide improved utilization and programming opportunities for the existing athletic facilities at the Kastner campus. The need for the proposed project is also driven by Senate Bill (SB) 328, which beginning in 2022 mandates later school-day start times for most middle schools and high schools, and consequently requires scheduling of after-school programs and extracurricular activities to occur later in the day. The proposed lighting facilities would allow for existing activities to take place at later hours and improve visibility during low-light conditions.

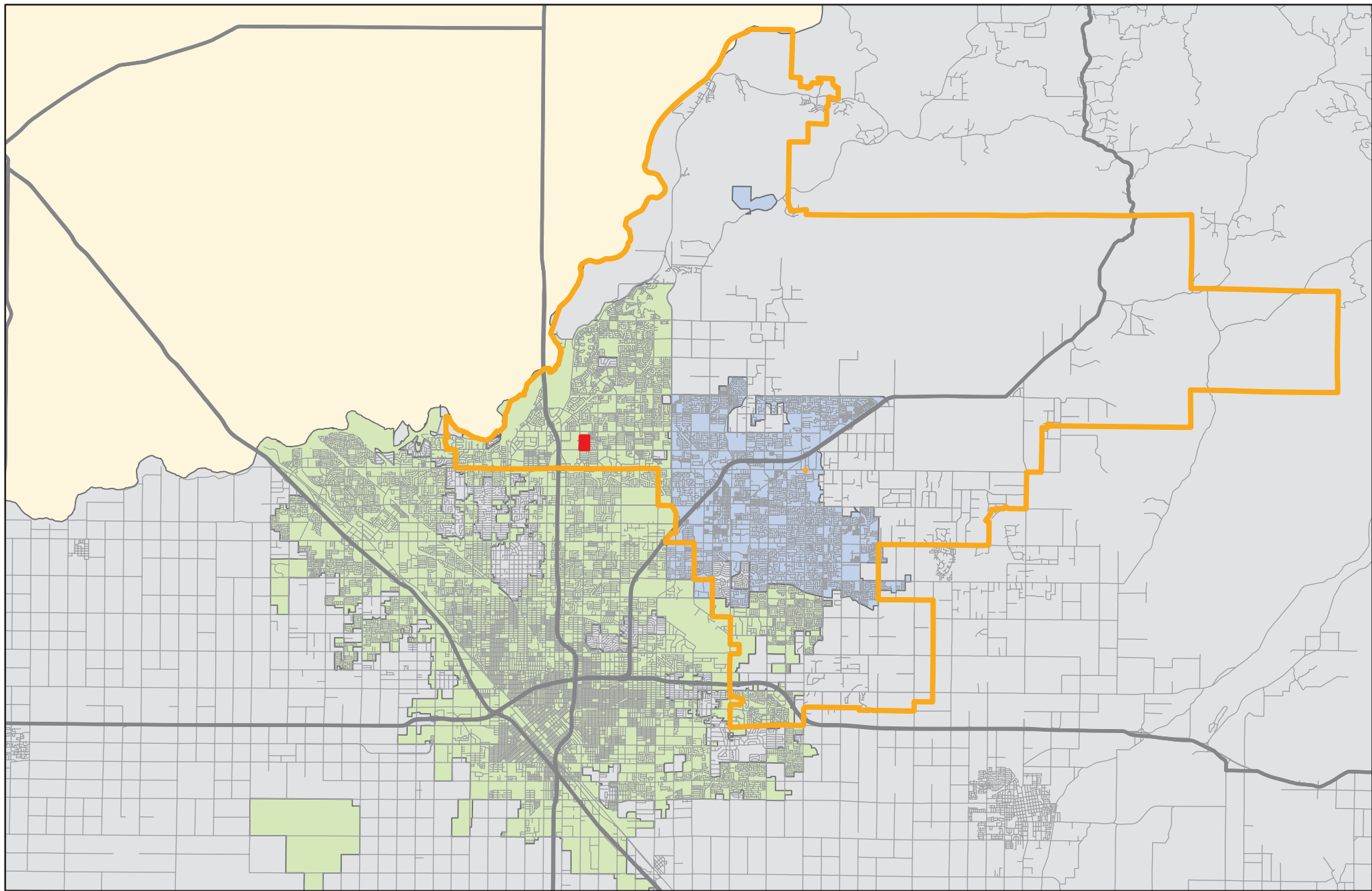
Facilities included as part of the project consist of four 80-foot-tall poles with LED lighting equipment, which would be installed at four different points around the perimeter of the existing field (two on the east side of the field, and two on the west side of the field). Each pole would be equipped with ten total pieces of lighting equipment (two mounted at 15.5 feet, one mounted at 60 feet, and seven mounted at 80 feet). The project’s state-of-the-art lighting equipment is designed to be very focused and directional such that there is little or no light trespass beyond the school property.

The District will operate the lights as needed to accommodate activities occurring on the site and will cease lighting operations as soon as possible. The use of the lighting will in no event extend

past 10:00 pm, and in most instances, the activities will cease substantially before 10:00 pm. If approved, project construction and equipment installation activities are anticipated to occur in Fall 2022 for a period of two-to-three weeks, and operation of the lights would begin in late 2022.

**Public Review and Comment:**

Members of the public and interested agencies may review and submit written comments on the proposed Negative Declaration and Initial Study. The documents are available for review at the Clovis Unified School District Facility Services Office, 1450 Herndon Avenue, Clovis, California, and on the District's website: <https://www.cusd.com/EnvironmentalReports.aspx>. The public review period will begin on Friday, October 7, 2022, and end on Thursday, October 27, 2022. Please submit your written comments to Denver Stairs, Assistant Superintendent, Facility Services, 1450 Herndon Avenue, Clovis, California, 93611, email: [denverstairs@cusd.com](mailto:denverstairs@cusd.com), (559) 327-9260.

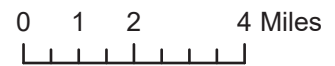
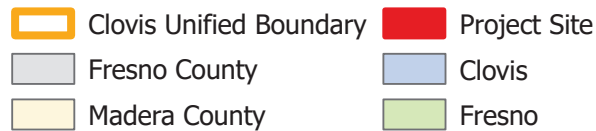


## Regional Location

Figure 1

Kastner Field Lighting Project  
Clovis Unified School District

ODELL Planning  Research, Inc.







Project Site

Figure 2

Kastner Field Lighting Project  
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Project Site

Light Pole Location

0 100 200 400 Feet