

Clovis Unified School District
REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY COMMENT
Kastner Athletic Field Lighting Project

To:

Responsible, Trustee and Interested Agencies,
Interested Persons

From:

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Purpose: Clovis Unified School District ("District") is proposing to undertake the Kastner Athletic Field Lighting Project ("project"). The purpose of this Request for Preliminary Comment is to invite responsible, trustee and interested agencies, as well as interested persons, to submit written comments on any concerns they may have on the environmental effects of the project. The District will consider the comments in preparing a California Environmental Quality Act Initial Study for the project and in determining whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the project or to adopt a Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration. There will be additional notice provided and opportunity to comment once the environmental documents have been completed.

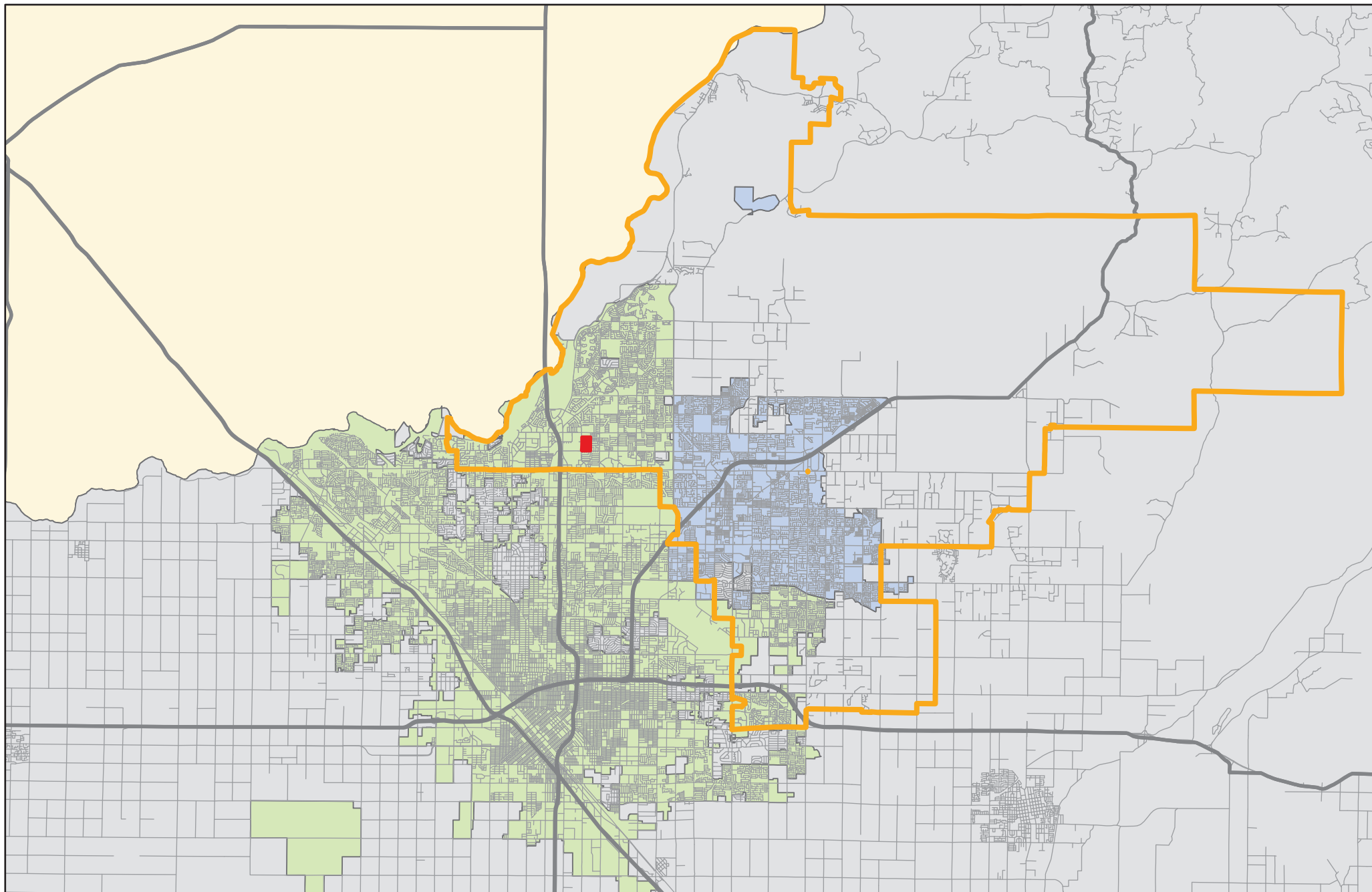
Comments: Please send any comments in response to this Request for Preliminary Comment to Denver Stairs at the contact information provided above. **The deadline for submission of preliminary comments is Friday, September 9, 2022.**

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.

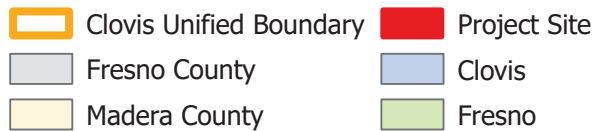


Regional Location

Figure 1

Kastner Field Lighting Project
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ODELL Planning Research, Inc.







Project Site

Figure 2

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 Project Site

 Light Pole Location

0 100 200 400 Feet

