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SCH #: 2025010373

Project Title: Riverdale High School Facility Improvements

Lead Agency: Riverdale Joint Unified School District

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Project Location: Riverdale, an Unincorporated Community. Fresno County.
City *County*

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

The District proposes renovating the football/soccer/track stadium, reconstructing a parking lot, constructing new community multi-use athletic fields, reconstructing the Agriculture Barn Education Facility (Ag Barn), improving a section of S. Hazel Avenue, and expanding an existing stormwater basin. Work would be completed in three phases. The exact division of work to be completed in each phase is unknown and would depend on available funding. The most likely division and phasing of work is described in the IS/MND. In summary Phase 1 would renovate the existing high school football/soccer/ track stadium and reconstruct a parking lot. Phase 2 would construct three new multi-use athletic fields, demolish the existing Ag Barn building, expand the campus stormwater basin, and rebuild a portion of Hazel Avenue. Phase 3 would construct a new Ag Barn and finalize the reconstruction of S. Hazel Avenue.

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

Potential significant impacts were identified for biological resources due to the possibility of Burrowing Owls taking residence in the Project site prior to the start of construction of each phase. Mitigation Measure (MM) BR-3 will reduce this potential impact to less than significant by completing pre-construction Burrowing Owl surveys will be conducted per CDFW guidance. If Burrowing Owls are present they will be avoided or the project will halt until consultation with CDFW has completed. Additional biological mitigation measures are included: pre-construction nesting bird surveys and general wildlife impact mitigation (escape ramps in trenches and trash disposal requirements).

The project may significantly impact archaeological and/or tribal cultural resources. A total of 11 MMs have been included to reduce impacts to less than significant. These measures include Archaeological and Tribal Cultural (TC) earthwork monitoring, pre-construction worker awareness training, a monitoring plan, the requirement to halt work for any discoveries, a final monitoring report, and curation agreement with the Santa Rosa Rancheria. There is also a possibility of discovery of paleontological resources, therefore to mitigate potential impacts, mitigation measure GEO-1 is included to halt work upon any discoveries.

The Project would result in a significant cumulative impact on greenhouse gases, therefore mitigation measures GHG-1 is included to prohibit the installation of natural gas infrastructure.

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 Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe raised concerns about potential impacts to Tribal Cultural resources, therefore 6 Cultural and 5 Tribal Cultural mitigation measures are included in the Draft IS/MND. Formal tribal consultation per AB 52 is still ongoing between Riverdale Joint Unified School District (RJUSD) and the Santa Rosa Rancheria and a consensus will be reached before approval of a Notice of Determination.
On January 13, 2025 RJUSD issued an early consultation to relevant State agencies and mailed to local agencies. This included a Preliminary Request for Comments letter included a project description and schematic site maps of the Project. Responses were received from various agencies.
Fresno County issued various comments on February 14, 2025 related to: investigating impacts to water and wastewater utilities, County food safety permit requirements, hazardous materials, construction noise impacts, well and septic system abandonment, Underground storage tank removal procedures, and comments about possible road right-of-way dedication to Fresno County for Hazel Avenue north of Stathem Street. All comments were considered and addressed as needed within the Draft IS/MND and Project design process.
Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) issued comments on January 17, 2025 related to Education Codes which require compliance with DTSC's Preliminary Endangerment Assessment (PEA) requirements for new school facilities. A Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) with Title 5 Environmental Hazardous Review and Limited Phase II Investigation was completed and is currently being reviewed by DTSC.
Department of Conservation - Division of Land Resource Protection provided comments on February 21, 2025 which recommended evaluation of impacts to Prime Farmland. These comments are addressed in Section 2, Agricultural and Forestry Resources.
RJUSD consulted with Riverdale Public Utilities District to provide waste and wastewater impact estimates. A Will Serve Letter was received on August 7, 2025. RJUSD consulted with Riverdale Irrigation District (RID) and confirmed that there are no RID facilities within the Project site.
On January 17, 2025 RJUSD published a Preliminary Request for Comments notice on the RJUSD website. This notice shared the project description and schematic site maps of the Project to the public. No comments were received by the public.

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

Responsible Agencies:
Department of Conservation - Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, Department of Toxic Substances Control.

Trustee Agencies:
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Region 4).