

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121 Sacramento, CA 95814	From:	Hope Elementary School District 613 W. Teapot Dome Avenue, Porterville, CA 93257
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Clerk County of <u>Tulare</u> 221 S. Mooney Boulevard, Room 105 Visalia, CA 93291-4593	Lead Agency and Applicant:	Hope Elementary School District

Subject: *Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.*

Hope Elementary School Gymnasium/Classroom Building Project
Project Title

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State Clearinghouse Number (If submitted to Clearinghouse)	Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone/Extension

613 W. Teapot Dome Avenue, Porterville, CA 93257
Project Location:

The District will develop an 11,462 gross-square foot gymnasium and classroom building (Building L), with an interior square footage of 11,182 square feet (i.e., interior/functional space). The proposed project includes the demolition of the existing unpaved parking lot, removal of approximately 223 citrus trees, and demolition of one driveway onto the project site. As part of the proposed project, a chain link fencing and rolling gate on the east side of Hope ES campus will be removed and replaced to allow for grading and installation of new concrete walkway that will connect the proposed Building L to the campus.

The gymnasium and classroom building will include three classrooms on the western side of the building, a multi-use gymnasium near the center, and a stage area on the southern side of the building. The multi-use gymnasium will include basketball striping and a ceiling mounted basketball hoop, and associated uses such as two water fountains, two student bathrooms with a vestibule area (Vestibule-1), a janitor closet, a roof access space, and one staff bathroom. The proposed stage area will include one accessible ramp and one wheelchair lift, folding partitions and an associated electrical room, a vestibule area (Vestibule-2), an instrument room, a control room, and a data room.

The proposed building will include lighting, a sound system, and a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) unit. The proposed building will include a modern design that would complement the existing buildings on the Hope ES campus. The proposed building will be approximately 28 feet in height. The proposed project will include landscaping, walking paths, grass turf, and new decomposed granite parking lot with one full-access driveway, and chain-link and ornamental fencing.

The construction of the proposed project would occur in one phase. Construction is anticipated to last approximately 12 months, with construction starting in 2027.

On May 14, 2025 the Hope Elementary District Board of Trustees (1) adopted the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, (2) approved the proposed project, (3) adopted the mitigation monitoring and reporting program and (4) exempt the project site from local zoning.

Project Description:

This is to advise that the Hope Elementary School District has approved the above described
(☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency)

project on May 14, 2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:
(Date)

1. The project [☐ will ☒ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☐ were ☒ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the IS/MND and the record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

Hope Elementary School District: 613 W. Teapot Dome Avenue, Porterville, CA 93257

Date received for filing and posting at LCI: _____


Signature (Public Agency)

Superintendent
Title

May 14, 2025
Date