

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2025041045

Project Title: Performing Arts Theater, AcCEL Center, and Library Project

Lead Agency: Tulare Office of Education (TCOE)

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Project Location: Unincorporated County
City

Tulare
County

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

The project site consists of 15.63 acres near the southwest corner of Avenue 264/Liberty Road and N Mooney Boulevard/State Route 63 in unincorporated Tulare County (36°16'01.9" N 119°18'57.4" W). The proposed project includes the construction of an approximately 24,442 square foot AcCEL Center, which would provide direct instruction to students who generally have multiple or profound disabilities, and/or are able to function best in a more sheltered environment; an approximately 12,000 square foot library; and a 31,000 square foot performing arts theater. The proposed project would include outdoor spaces, landscaping, and new driveways, drive aisles, and walkways.

The TCOE is the lead agency under CEQA and has the approval authority over the proposed project. Discretionary actions for the proposed project include: (1) approval of the proposed project; (2) certification of the environmental impact report; and (3) adoption of the mitigation monitoring and reporting program.

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

Impacts related to Aesthetics, Air Quality, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, Utilities and Service Systems, and Wildfire were determined to be less than significant. Impacts related to Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, and Tribal Cultural Resources were determined to be less than significant after the implementation of mitigation measures. Impacts related to Agriculture and Forestry Resources and Land Use and Planning were determined to be significant and unavoidable.

Mitigation measures were identified for: Biological Resources (preconstruction avian survey), cultural resources (qualified archaeologist), geology and soils (qualified paleontologist), and tribal cultural resources (inadvertent discovery of TCR).

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

There are no known controversies at this time.

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

- Air Resources Board
- San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
- Caltrans, District 6 - Fresno
- Caltrans Division of Aeronautics
- Caltrans Planning
- Central Valley Flood Protection Board
- Department of Conservation
- Department of Education
- Energy Commission
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 4 - Central Region
- Department of Food & Agriculture
- Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
- Department of General Services, Division of State Architects
- Office of Historic Preservation
- California Native American Heritage Commission
- Department of Parks and Recreation
- Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 5 - Central Valley
- Department of Toxic Substances Control
- Department of Water Resources
- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Tulare County Resource Management Agency
- City of Visalia
- Tulare County Fire Department