

**Notice of Exemption**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
  
County Clerk  
County of: Kern County  
1115 Truxtun Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**From:** (Public Agency): Wasco Union High School District  
2100 7th Street  
Wasco, CA 93280

(Address)

Project Title: Wasco High School Central Corridor Modular Classroom/Office project

Project Applicant: Wasco Union High School District

Project Location - Specific:

2100 7th Street Wasco, Kern County, California 93280

Project Location - City: Wasco Project Location - County: Kern County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project is located on an existing school campus and consists of replacing two portable classrooms and three offices and one set of restrooms. These additions do not increase the original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Wasco Union High School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15300, 15314
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_


Reasons why project is exempt:

All aspects of the proposed project fall under the following Categorical exemption: Class 14 consists of minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less. The addition of portable classrooms is included in this exemption

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Kevin Tallon Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (661) 758-8447

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?   ▪ Yes    No

Signature:  Date: 9/3/25 Title: Superintendent

Signed by Lead Agency   ▪   Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

TO: Kevin Tallon, Acting Superintendent; WUHS  
FROM: Martin Lonza, Consultant  
RE: Wasco High School Central Corridor Modular Classroom/Office project, CEQA  
categorical exemption  
DATE: July 25, 20255

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A component of the Wasco High School Central Corridor Classroom/Office project necessitates a determination as to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

This project is located on an existing school campus and consists of replacing two portable classrooms and three offices and one set of restrooms. These additions do not increase the original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms. The project therefore, falls within the Categorical Exempt classification.

I request that the Wasco High School Central Corridor/Office Classroom project be certified as Categorical Exempt from CEQA requirements.

### Supporting documentation:

*Title 14. California Code of Regulations*  
Chapter 3. Guidelines for Implementation of the  
California Environmental Quality Act

## Article 19. Categorical Exemptions

Sections 15300 to 15333

### 15300. Categorical Exemptions

Section 21084 of the Public Resources Code requires these Guidelines to include a list of classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall, therefore, be exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

In response to that mandate, the Secretary for Resources has found that the following classes of projects listed in this article do not have a significant effect on the environment, and they are declared to be categorically exempt from the requirement for the preparation of environmental documents.

### 15314. Minor Additions to Schools

Class 14 consists of minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less. The addition of portable classrooms is included in this exemption.

**Note:** Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code; Reference: Section 21084, Public Resources Code.

Wasco Union High School District  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting  
Wasco High School  
Board Room 202  
August 14, 2025  
5:30 p.m.  
Unadopted Minutes

- I. A regular meeting of the Wasco Union High School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by President Juan Bernal.

Board Members Present

Mr. Juan Bernal, President  
Mr. Joe Hively, Clerk  
Mr. Hector Gutierrez

Mrs. Sharon Nicol  
Mr. John Steward

Administrators Present

Mr. Kevin Tallon  
Mrs. Jessica Castruita  
Mrs. Sunni Dobbs

Mr. Rus Prado  
Mr. TJ Yasenchak

Classified Management Present

Mr. Michael Adams  
Mr. Christian Parra

Mr. Jose Quintana  
Mrs. Nelly Sanchez

Secretary Present

Mrs. Gracie Saldaña

Visitors

Mr. Joe Blanchard, Yareli Vidales

Flag Salute

The flag was saluted.

- II. Adopt Agenda  
It was moved by Nicol and seconded by Steward to adopt the agenda. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Bernal, Aye; Gutierrez, Aye; Hively, Aye; Nicol, Aye; Steward, Aye.
- III. Public Comments  
None
- IV. Executive Session  
The meeting convened in executive session at 5:34 p.m.

Regular Session

The meeting convened in regular session at 6:0 p.m.

Announcement of Executive Session Actions

The board took action during Executive Session to approve the following

- a. Consider Approval of Certificated Employee(s)
  1. Certificated Employees Returning (2025/2026)
    - a. Acosta, Luis

- b. Adams, Monica
  - c. Castillo, Kayla
  - d. Garcia-Williams, Laura
  - e. Reames, Rachelle
  - f. Rodriguez, Amanda
  - g. Soto, Blanca
  - h. Tolin, Victoria
  - i. Van Sloten McCurdy, Jill
  - j. Yasenchak, Melanie
- b. Consider Approval of Classified Employees
1. Martinez, Peter - Campus Security
  2. Student Worker(s)
    - a. Aguilar, Devany
    - b. Grajeda Andrade, Brisa
    - c. Kaur Bath, Simranpreet
    - d. Valdebenito, Samantha
  3. Tutor(s)
    - a. Bakersfield College
      1. Acosta, Sergio
      2. Heredia, Izabella
      3. Ochoa, Isaac
      4. Pearson, Kaitlyn
      5. Sanchez, Rihanna
      6. Santana, Andy
      7. Santana, Jordan
  4. Athletic Coach(es)
 

a. Goolsby, Karlee	Fall	Walk-On	Volleyball	Assistant	Frosh	Paid		
b. Granados, Jessie	Fall	Walk-On	Baseball	Assistant	Var	Paid		
c. Parra, Christian	Fall	Walk-On	ESports	Assistant	Var	Volunteer		
d. Ramirez, Pedro	Fall	Walk-On	ESports	Head		Var	Volunteer	
e. Romero, Angel	Winter	Walk-On	Wrestling (G)	Assistant	JV/Var	Paid		
f. Williams, Madison	Fall	Employee	Golf (G)	Assistant	Var	Volunteer		

It was moved by Hively and seconded by Nicol to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Bernal, Aye; Gutierrez, Aye; Hively, Aye; Nicol, Aye; Steward, Aye.

V. Reading and Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Nicol and seconded by Steward to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on June 26, 2025. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Bernal, Aye; Gutierrez, Aye; Hively, Aye; Nicol, Aye; Steward, Aye.

VI. Public Comments

None

Student Board Representative Yareli Vidales. Yareli reported on the ASB Summer Planning Trip, Student Council Meeting, Leadership Presentation, Link Crew, Freshmen Orientation and the first day of school.

VII. Items from Board Members

Mr. Hively - He commended the District on the beautiful campus and shared his well wishes for a great new school year.

Mrs. Nicol - She shared that she attended the Welcome Back Breakfast, noted that the food was delicious, and wished everyone a happy new school year.

Mr. Bernal - He welcomed back staff and administration and expressed his excitement for a great new school year.

Mr. Steward - He shared that he attended the Welcome Back Breakfast and then thanked Mrs. Dixon for her help.

Mr. Gutierrez - He expressed regret for missing the Welcome Back Breakfast but extended his best wishes for a happy new year to every department. Additionally, he commended the Freshmen Launch Event for its success.

## Reports

1. Mr. Kevin Tallon introduced Mr. Keith Weaver who presented on the GFS Bond Presentation. He reviewed the results of the Measure D Series 2025 General Obligation Bond Sale. Additionally, he reported on the bond sale process, including the credit rating (A+), benchmark interest rate, bid results and comparisons, the bond sale budget versus actual figures, Measure D repayment being less than budgeted, and the estimated Measure D tax levies.
2. Mr. Kevin Tallon introduced Mrs. Sunni Dobbs, she reported on the State Accountability Overview and reviewed the WUHSD State Assessment Preliminary Data, including ELA Summative, Math Summative, and CAST Summative results. The tentative release date for the final data is late November 2025.

Mr. Tallon thanked Mr. Weaver and Mrs. Dobbs for their presentation and information.

3. During the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Kevin Tallon reported on the following:

Good evening members of the Board it's a pleasure to be here with you tonight.

Mr. Tallon introduced Mr. Prado, who presented the Wasco High School Summer School report. Mr. Prado reviewed semester units earned, credit recovery, the Freshman Academy, college courses offered, summer graduates, the Summer Olympics, and the Bakersfield College field trip.

Inservice Highlights - We have had three full days of Staff-Inservice's this week. I would like to commend our staff and administration for a successful three days of in-service. We had two all-staff trainings, including suicide prevention, with Wasco Union High School District Social Workers, and former BPD Police Chief Lyle Martin, and District Safety Officer Barajas did an outstanding job providing active shooter training.

Freshmen Orientation - We had a fantastic turnout on Monday night for the Freshmen Orientation. Almost 300 and parent(s). Parents received valuable information from counselors, administration, athletics, and activities to name a few and it really helps with getting off to a smooth start for our 9th graders.

First Day of School - We had a fantastic start to the school year at both sites today. There was a very positive vibe around campus. The campuses looked great and were decorated. I would like to thank our staff for their hard work to prepare for students. I would also like to congratulate Mr. Prado, and Mr. Yasenachak on their successful starts to the school year. Both campuses were vibrant today with decorations and annual traditions like Senior Sunrise. Other Highlights to begin the year include:

## VIII. Discussion and Action

1. It was moved by Hively and seconded by Steward to approve the Submission of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Bernal, Aye; Gutierrez, Aye; Hively, Aye; Nicol, Aye; Steward, Aye.
2. It was moved by Nicol and seconded by Gutierrez to approve the Consultant Services Agreement regarding District Safety Services. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Bernal, Aye; Gutierrez, Aye; Hively, Aye; Nicol, Aye; Steward, Aye.
3. It was moved by Gutierrez and seconded by Hively to approve the Lease Termination Agreement regarding Farm . Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Bernal, Aye; Gutierrez, Aye; Hively, Aye; Nicol, Aye; Steward, Aye.

4. It was moved by Gutierrez and seconded by Hively to approve the Exclusive Seller Representation Agreement . Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Bernal, Aye; Gutierrez, Aye; Hively, Aye; Nicol, Aye; Steward, Aye.
5. It was moved by Nicol and seconded by Gutierrez to approve the Construction Agreement with MWC Group Inc. regarding FFA Pavilion/Associated Site Work . Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Bernal, Aye; Gutierrez, Aye; Hively, Aye; Nicol, Aye; Steward, Aye.
6. It was moved by Hively and seconded by Nicol to approve Trade Contract Agreement with Colombo Construction Co, Inc. and MWC Group Inc. regarding FFA Pavilion/Associated Site Work/Pre-Engineered Buildings. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Bernal, Aye; Gutierrez, Aye; Hively, Aye; Nicol, Aye; Steward, Aye.
7. It was moved by Nicol and seconded by Gutierrez to approve the Wasco High School Central Corridor Modular Classroom/Office project, CEQA categorical exemption. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Bernal, Aye; Gutierrez, Aye; Hively, Aye; Nicol, Aye; Steward, Aye.
8. It was moved by Steward and seconded by Hively to approve the Resolution No. 2526-01 Regarding Support of Applications for Funding; Beyond Bond Authority. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Bernal, Aye; Gutierrez, Aye; Hively, Aye; Nicol, Aye; Steward, Aye.
9. It was moved by Gutierrez and seconded by Nicol to approve the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for Wasco Union High School. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Bernal, Aye; Gutierrez, Aye; Hively, Aye; Nicol, Aye; Steward, Aye.
10. It was moved by Hively and seconded by Steward to approve the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for Wasco Independence High School. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Bernal, Aye; Gutierrez, Aye; Hively, Aye; Nicol, Aye; Steward, Aye.
11. It was moved by Steward and seconded by Gutierrez to approve the Charitable Pledge Agreement with Wonderful Company LLC. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Bernal, Aye; Gutierrez, Aye; Hively, Aye; Nicol, Aye; Steward, Aye.

IX. Discussion and Information

1. Introduction of Board Policy 0000 Update
2. Introduction of Job Description – Technology Technician
3. Introduction of Textbook Adoption for the Science Department

X. Claims Transfers and Accounts

It was moved by Hively and seconded by Steward to approve the claims, transfers and accounts for batches 01-12 and payrolls in the amount of \$3,832,700.40. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Bernal, Aye; Gutierrez, Aye; Hively, Aye; Nicol, Aye; Steward, Aye.

XI. Executive Session (cont'd)

None

XII. Adjournment

It was moved by Nicol seconded by Hively to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Bernal, Aye; Gutierrez, Aye; Hively, Aye; Nicol, Aye; Steward, Aye.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

# CEQA Transmittal Memorandum for 2025

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AUDITOR CONTROLLER-COUNTY CLERK  
BY *[Signature]* DEPUTY

LEAD AGENCY Wasco Union High School District

PROJECT TITLE Central Corridor Modula Classroom/Office Project

PROJECT APPLICANT Wasco Union High School District

PHONE NUMBER ( 661 ) 758-7456

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS: 2100 7th Street

CITY Wasco STATE CA ZIP CODE 93280

WORK ORDER # \_\_\_\_\_  30-Day Posting  35-Day Posting  45-Day Posting  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- Notice of Public Hearing.....No Fee
- Other \_\_\_\_\_.....No Fee
- Environmental Impact Report (EIR).....\$4123.50
  - Previously paid F&W (**must attach F&W receipt**) F&W Receipt Number# \_\_\_\_\_
  - DFG No Effect Determination (**F&W letter must be attached**).....No Fee
  - County Administrative Fee.....\$50.00
- Mitigated Negative Declaration or Negative Declaration.....\$2968.75
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  - DFG No Effect Determination (**F&W letter must be attached**).....No Fee
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- Notice of Exemption.....No Fee
  - County Administrative Fee.....\$50.00

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