

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2025090952

Project Title: Bakersfield Temple

Lead Agency: City of Bakersfield

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Project Location: Bakersfield Kern
City *County*

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

The Project involves the proposed development of an approximately 13.07-gross-acre (11.76 net acres) religious campus on currently vacant, graded land in two phases. Phase 1 includes the construction and operation of a 29,630-square-foot temple with a steeple reaching 123 feet 6 inches, a 1,113-square-foot clothing center, an 857-square-foot grounds building, a screened equipment yard, and 199 parking stalls. Phase 2 includes a 16,370-square-foot meetinghouse with a steeple reaching 66 feet 4 inches, an additional 93 parking stalls, a 1,182-square-foot equipment yard, and a pavilion. The Project includes a cross-lot road along the northern perimeter connecting Jewetta Avenue to the adjacent western parcel. Required approvals from the City of Bakersfield (Lead Agency) include Site Plan Review No. 24-0027, Zone Modification No. 24-0032 (to allow the proposed steeple heights where 60 feet is otherwise permitted), and Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 12637.

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

The Draft EIR identifies the following potentially significant impacts, all of which would be reduced to less-than-significant levels through the implementation of the mitigation measures summarized below:

- * Air Quality: Construction emissions may affect nearby sensitive receptors. Mitigation Measure MM AQ-1 requires U.S. EPA Tier 4 Final engines for off-road diesel construction equipment over 25 horsepower.
- * Biological Resources: Construction could impact special-status species and wildlife movement. Mitigation Measures MM BIO-1 through MM BIO-5 mandate Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) training, an on-site biological monitor, and pre-construction clearance surveys (with appropriate work-stoppage buffers) for special-status species, nesting birds, and burrowing owls.
- * Cultural, Tribal Cultural, & Paleontological Resources: Ground disturbance could damage unknown subsurface resources. Mitigation Measures MM CR-1, MM TCR-1, and MM PR-1 require WEAP training, mandate immediate work-stoppage buffers (50-100 feet) upon inadvertent discovery, and require evaluation and treatment by qualified archaeologists, paleontologists, and affiliated Native American tribes.

All other environmental topics analyzed in the EIR (including Aesthetics, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Land Use and Planning, Noise & Vibration, and Transportation) were found to be less than significant without mitigation.

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 primary areas of controversy known to the City of Bakersfield (Lead Agency), based on comments received during the Initial Study/Notice of Preparation (IS/NOP) public scoping period and the October 15, 2025, scoping meeting, include the following:

- * Steeple Height and Zoning: Concerns regarding the proposed height of the temple steeple and the associated Zone Modification request (Zone Modification No. 24-0032) to allow heights exceeding the 60-foot maximum permitted in the C-O zone.
- * Nighttime Illumination: Concerns regarding the nighttime lighting of the temple building and its potential aesthetic and glare effects on adjacent residential land uses, specifically the Brighton Parks community located immediately north of the Project Site.
- * Tribal Cultural Resources: Standard consultation, identification, and resource protection concerns raised by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC).

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

Responsible Agency:

- * San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD): Requires a discretionary Authority to Construct / Permit to Operate for the diesel-powered emergency generator.

Trustee Agency:

- * California Department of Fish and Wildlife