

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

This is to advise that the Kern Community College District has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project identified below that is scheduled to be held at the Kern Community College District – Board of Trustees meeting on November 13, 2025.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Kern Community College District – Board of Trustees will consider adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration at the Board’s meeting to be held on September 11, 2025. Presentations will be made at approximately 1:00 pm. Action on items on the Board agenda will occur after the presentations. The meeting will be held at the Kern Community College District, 2100 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

Project Name

Tehachapi College Campus Center Project (Project)

Project Location

The Project proposes to develop an approximately 6.82-acre site located on West Tehachapi Boulevard, in the City of Tehachapi. The site is located within Section 20, Township 32S, Range 33E, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian (MDB&M), of the Tehachapi North U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Quad Map. The Project site is also identified as Parcel A, being a merger of Parcel 2 and Parcel 3 of Parcel Map 10531.

Project Description

The Project intends to develop a new community college campus to serve the residents of the greater Tehachapi area. The campus will be developed in phases:

- Phase 1: Consists of a combined total of 19,320 square feet of general education instructional buildings with four modular buildings, a 375 square-foot storage building, a 174-space parking lot, pathways, landscaping, a proposed on-site stormwater retention basin and 20 foot drainage easement, and other internal infrastructure.
- Phase 2: Includes the development of an approximately 39,000 square-foot two story classroom building. The four modular buildings will be removed when the permanent classroom building is completed.

Construction:

Phase 1 buildout will take approximately four months. Phase 2 building may take approximately one year to complete. Therefore, full buildout of the campus will take approximately 16 months. It is anticipated that the following pieces of equipment would be used during construction activities:

- Roller
- Loaded trucks
- Excavator
- Generator
- Service truck
- Air compressor

Operation

- At full buildout, the general education building with up to seven classrooms will be available and are expected to serve on average 200 to 300 students per day. Maximum enrollment at the campus would be up to approximately 500 students.
- Classes are expected to be held Monday through Thursday, typically between 11 am and 8 pm. It is expected that seven employees will also regularly work out the instructional facilities. To maintain the facility, three employees will be dedicated for maintenance and operations

Entitlements:

- Rezone the subject parcels from the M-1 (Light Industrial) conventional zone district to the SD-2 (Special District) transect zone district.

The document and documents referenced in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at Kern Community College District, 2100 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

As mandated by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the public review period for this document was 30 days (CEQA Section 15073[b]). The public review period begins on September 30, 2025, and ends on October 30, 2025. For further information, please contact Jaymie Brauer at (661) 616-2600