

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613
 For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH #**Project Title:** Vista Continuation High School Modernization

Lead Agency: Kern High School District, Facilities Planning

Contact Person: Jaymie Brauer

Mailing Address: 801 South Mt. Vernon Avenue

Phone: 661) 616-2600

City: Bakersfield

Zip: 93307

County: Kern

Project Location: County: Kern

City/Nearest Community: Bakersfield

Cross Streets: P Street, Brundage Lane, 4th Street

Zip Code: 93307

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 35 ° 21 ' 28.13 " N / 119 ° 35 ' 58 " W Total Acres: 15.50

Assessor's Parcel No.: 010-110-03

Section: 31

Twp.: 29S

Range: 28E

Base: MDB&M

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 58, 204, 99, 178

Waterways: Kern Island Canal

Airports: Bakersfield Municipal

Railways: San Joaquin Valley Railroad

Schools: Vista Cont. HS, Emerson MS, McKinley ES

Document Type:CEQA: ☐ NOP☐ Draft EIRNEPA: ☐ NOIOther: ☐ Joint Document☐ Early Cons☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR☐ EA☐ Final Document☐ Neg Dec

(Prior SCH No.) _____

☐ Draft EIS☐ Other: _____☒ Mit Neg Dec

Other: _____

☐ FONSI**Local Action Type:**☐ General Plan Update☐ Specific Plan☐ Rezone☐ Annexation☐ General Plan Amendment☐ Master Plan☐ Prezone☐ Redevelopment☐ General Plan Element☐ Planned Unit Development☐ Use Permit☐ Coastal Permit☐ Community Plan☐ Site Plan☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)☒ Other: funding**Development Type:**☐ Residential: Units _____ Acres _____☐ Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____☒ Educational: 50,000 square feet☐ Recreational: _____☐ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____☐ Transportation: Type _____☐ Mining: Mineral _____☐ Power: Type _____ MW _____☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____☐ Other: _____**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**☒ Aesthetic/Visual☐ Fiscal☒ Recreation/Parks☒ Vegetation☒ Agricultural Land☒ Flood Plain/Flooding☒ Schools/Universities☒ Water Quality☒ Air Quality☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard☒ Septic Systems☒ Water Supply/Groundwater☒ Archeological/Historical☒ Geologic/Seismic☒ Sewer Capacity☒ Wetland/Riparian☒ Biological Resources☒ Minerals☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading☒ Growth Inducement☐ Coastal Zone☒ Noise☒ Solid Waste☒ Land Use☒ Drainage/Absorption☒ Population/Housing Balance☒ Toxic/Hazardous☐ Cumulative Effects☐ Economic/Jobs☒ Public Services/Facilities☒ Traffic/Circulation☒ Other: Wildfire**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Existing High School/R-3 Medium Density Multi-Unit Dwelling/Park and Recreation (OS-P)

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

See attached page

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with and "X".
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

☒ Air Resources Board	☐ Office of Historic Preservation
☐ Boating & Waterways, Department of	☐ Office of Public School Construction
☐ California Emergency Management Agency	☐ Parks & Recreation, Department of
☐ California Highway Patrol	☐ Pesticide Regulation, Department of
☐ Caltrans District # _____	☐ Public Utilities Commission
☐ Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	☒ Regional WQCB # 5 _____
☐ Caltrans Planning	☐ Resources Agency
☐ Central Valley Flood Protection Board	☐ Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
☐ Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	☐ S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
☐ Coastal Commission	☐ San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Colorado River Board	☐ San Joaquin River Conservancy
☐ Conservation, Department of	☐ Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Corrections, Department of	☐ State Lands Commission
☐ Delta Protection Commission	☐ SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
☒ Education, Department of	☒ SWRCB: Water Quality
☐ Energy Commission	☐ SWRCB: Water Rights
☒ Fish & Game Region # 4 _____	☐ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
☐ Food & Agriculture, Department of	☒ Toxic Substances Control, Department of
☐ Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	☒ Water Resources, Department of
☐ General Services, Department of	☒ Other: Division of the State Architect
☐ Health Services, Department of	☐ Other: _____
☐ Housing & Community Development	
☒ Native American Heritage Commission	

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date December 8, 2025 Ending Date January 5, 2026

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____	Applicant: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
Contact: _____	Phone: _____
Phone: _____	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____

Date: 12/5/2025

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

Project Name

Vista Continuation High School Modernization Project

Project Description

Kern High School District (District) is proposing to update the existing Vista Continuation High School (VCHS) campus to enhance the learning experience and offer new and modern amenities for the student population and faculty, as well as improve the overall use of the existing property. The Project proposes to demolish the existing buildings, internal access roads, parking spaces and courtyard to construct new buildings, outdoor recreational spaces and relocate existing ballfields on the existing 15.5-acre Project site in Bakersfield, California. All proposed construction will occur on previously disturbed ground and developed campus grounds and primary access will remain on P Street.

The student enrollment at VCHS was 210 students in 2024. While the Project will increase the student population to approximately 440 students and up to 5 additional staff, the increase in the student and faculty population will occur over time and not immediately after construction is complete. Based on the current student population, it is anticipated that approximately 53 percent of students will be bused to the school while the remaining 47 percent will be driven and dropped off, will drive their own vehicles or will walk to school each day.

The District is proposing the construction of four conventionally framed buildings for the following uses: 1) a gymnasium, 2) a multi-purpose and cafeteria building, 3) an administration building and 4) a two-story classroom building with library. Additionally, the Project will include a pre-fabricated field house/concessions building of approximately 1,334 square feet. The total combined building square footage is approximately 50,000 square feet. The Project also proposes a central outdoor courtyard, two outdoor basketball courts, adequate parking for staff, visitors, and students, drop off lanes, access and fire lanes, outdoor lighting and the relocation of three existing ballfields. The high school will incorporate the use of renewable solar energy generated by rooftop solar and/or solar panel covered parking to offset the school's current energy demand.

Project Timeline

Construction of the Project would occur over a maximum of 12 to 18 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