

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Vista Continuation High School Modernization Project

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Project Location: Bakersfield

City

Kern

County

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

See attached page

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

The Project would result in a potentially significant effect on Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials and Tribal Cultural Resources. However, these impacts have been determined to be less than significant with the implementation of mitigation measures.

Mitigation Measure MM BIO-1 through BIO-9 associated with Biological Resources will include preconstruction surveys, avoidance, minimization, and educational measures to reduce impacts to potential special-status species.

Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources are reduced to a less than significant impact through establishment of procedure in the event that a cultural/tribal cultural resource (MM CUL-1 through CUL-2) is discovered during Project construction activities.

Geology and Soils impacts are reduced to a less than significant impact through establishment of procedure in the event that a paleontological resource is discovered during construction activities (MM GEO-1).

Hazards and Hazardous Materials are reduced to a less than significant impact through establishment of procedures for assessing and properly disposing of asbestos, if necessary, prior to demolition (MM HAZ-1).

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 areas of controversy associated with the Project.

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

- California Department of Education
- California Division of the State Architect
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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