

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2025120371

Project Title: Vista Continuation High School Modernization

Project Applicant: Kern Union High School District

Project Location (include county): Bakersfield, CA (Kern County)

Project Description:

See attached

This is to advise that the Kern Union High School District Board of Trustees has approved the above (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on February 2, 2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

- 1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

801 South Mt. Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93307

Signature (Public Agency): [Signature] Title: Facilities Director

Date: March 3, 2026 Date Received for filing at OPR:

## ***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