NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ County Clerk
County of Kern
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

FROM: Kern High School District
Facilities Planning
801 South Mt. Vernon Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93307

PROJECT TITLE & NO: Highland High School Gymnasium HVAC Improvements

PROJECT LOCATION - SPECIFIC: Highland High School, 2900 Royal Scots Way, Bakersfield, CA 93306

PROJECT LOCATION - CITY: Bakersfield COUNTY: Kern

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT: Improvements to the HVAC system of the existing gymnasium building.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Board of Trustees, Kern High School District

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Kern High School District

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check one)

☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268;

☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures CEQA § 15303

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The existing gymnasium will be upgraded with a new HVAC system, and is considered installation of small new equipment.

LEAD AGENCY/CONTACT PERSON: Randall Rowles, Director of Facilities, (661) 396-4969.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ YES ☐ NO

KERN HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Randall Rowles, Director of Facilities — Date: 2/04/2026

☒ SIGNED BY LEAD AGENCY DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING: _____

☐ SIGNED BY APPLICANT