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SCH #: 2026030919

Project Title: Calwa Elementary School Reconstruction

Lead Agency: Fresno Unified School District

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Project Location: City of Fresno, County of Fresno
City *County*

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

The District proposes to implement the Calwa Elementary School Reconstruction Project (the "project") using Measure H bond funds. The existing campus buildings, constructed between 1945 and 1970, are among the oldest in the District and no longer meet current District standards or adequately serve student needs. The project would involve selective demolition and reconstruction of certain campus buildings, while other buildings would undergo interior renovation. Construction would occur in two overlapping phases while instruction remains in session. The project's purpose is to replace and renovate facilities that no longer meet current building, accessibility, and educational standards.
The proposed campus reconstruction would include a new Multipurpose Room (MPR), Administration Office, and Early Learning Building, as well as interior renovations to seven existing buildings. Site improvements would include a new parking lot with a student drop-off loop in the northwest portion of the campus, a staff parking lot in the southeast, a bus drop-off loop in the south, and redeveloped play areas in the north and northeast.
The project would not increase student enrollment or overall campus capacity. Instead, it would provide students and staff with equitable access to modern, energy-efficient, accessible, and safe facilities that are consistent with other recently modernized District campuses. Construction is anticipated to begin in June 2028 and end in August 2030.

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

The Draft EIR identifies potentially significant impacts related to aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, tribal cultural resources, paleontological resources, historical resources, noise and vibration, and transportation safety. Mitigation measures are proposed to reduce impacts associated with aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, tribal cultural resources, paleontological resources, noise and vibration, and transportation safety to a less than significant level.

However, despite implementation of mitigation measures, impacts associated with demolition of the historic red brick Multipurpose Room (MPR) building along Cedar Avenue would remain significant and unavoidable. Mitigation measures would include documentation of the building prior to demolition, salvage of character-defining historic features, and development of a commemorative display; however, these measures would not avoid the loss of the historical resource. Three additional historic buildings would be renovated as part of the project, and potential impacts to these resources would be reduced to a less than significant level through project design features that preserve their historic integrity, implementation of building protection measures during construction, and worker training.

Other mitigation measures identified in the Draft EIR include pre-construction nesting bird surveys, procedures for the treatment of inadvertent discoveries of cultural, tribal cultural, and paleontological resources and human remains, air quality and visual impact reduction measures, construction noise and vibration controls, and transportation safety improvements.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Transportation safety with the City of Fresno and the County of Fresno.
Potential presence of soil contamination from hazardous materials from past land use.
The presence of hazardous building materials in existing buildings (asbestos, lead based paint)
The presence of historically significant buildings which are proposed for demolition and remodeling.
Potential impacts to air quality and greenhouse gas emissions from construction and operation of the project.

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

City of Fresno
County of Fresno
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD)
Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD)
Division of the State Architect (DSA)