

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH #

Project Title: CARES Act CD Project No. 18.19.CV1.3 - Shafter Community Park Project

Lead Agency: <u>County of Kern</u>	Contact Person: <u>James Golden</u>
Mailing Address: <u>2700 M Street, Suite 250</u>	Phone: <u>(661) 862-5130</u>
City: <u>Bakersfield, CA</u>	County: <u>Kern</u>
Zip: <u>93301</u>	

Project Location: County: Kern City/Nearest Community: Shafter

Cross Streets: East Ash Avenue and Golds Avenue Zip Code: 93263

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 35 ° 29 ' 52 " N / 119 ° 15 ' 18 " W Total Acres: 42.4

Assessor's Parcel No.: 089-140-77 Section: 14 Twp.: 28S Range: 25E Base: MDBM

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR-43 Waterways: Numerous
 Airports: None Railways: BNSF Schools: Central Valley High School

Document Type:

CEQA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOP	<input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR	NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI	Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR	<input type="checkbox"/> EA	<input type="checkbox"/> Final Document
<input type="checkbox"/> Neg Dec	(Prior SCH No.) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIS	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mit Neg Dec	Other: <u>Notice of Exemption - 15061(b)(3)</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FONSI	

Local Action Type:

<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update	<input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Rezone	<input type="checkbox"/> Annexation
<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Prezone	<input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment
<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element	<input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Site Development Funds</u>

Development Type:

<input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreational: <u>Community Park</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____	

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard	<input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minerals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption	<input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Vacant/CF-Community Facilities/PS Parks and Schools

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

The project consists of the development of a 42.4-acre park on a vacant parcel of land. The project consists of street related improvements and four-related phases of park improvements. Phase one consists of the design, installation and construction of park related improvements including: road and streets access, pedestrian and park walkways and three (3) parking areas. Park facility related improvements include: four (4) baseball fields and two (2) softball fields, three (3) soccer fields, three (3) universal courts, three (3) handball courts, two (2) picnic and barbeque areas, four (4) basketball courts, batting cages, two (2) playgrounds and related improvements. CDBG CARES funds will be utilized to provide roads access since the approved State Grant funding does not include road access within the scope of covered improvements. Additional CDBG funding may be used for the design of phases two through four of the project. Phases 2-4 described further in document.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of | Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | Other: _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | |

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

Starting Date 5/5/26 Ending Date 6/5/26

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: 4/27/26

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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: County Clerk
County of Kern
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

FROM: County of Kern
Planning and Natural Resources Dept.
2700 "M" Street, Suite 250
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Project Title: CARES Act CD Project No. 18.19.CV1.3 – Shafter Community Park Project and Road Access Improvements

Project Location: Northwest Corner of East Ash Ave. and Golds Avenue, Shafter, CA

Project Description: The project consists of the development of a 42.4-acre park on a vacant parcel of land. The project consists of street related improvements and four-related phases of park improvements. Phase one consists of the design, installation and construction of park related improvements including: road and streets access, pedestrian and park walkways and three (3) parking areas. Park facility related improvements include: four (4) baseball fields and two (2) softball fields, three (3) soccer fields, three (3) universal courts, three (3) handball courts, two (2) picnic and barbeque areas, four (4) basketball courts, batting cages, two (2) playgrounds and related improvements. CDBG CARES funds will be utilized to provide roads access since the approved State Grant funding does not include road access within the scope of covered improvements. Additional CDBG funding may be used for the design of phases two through four of the project.

Phase Two: Phase consists of the design, installation and construction for the expansion of one parking area with solar improvements, dog park, community garden, kids physical fitness, outdoor gym, two (2) tennis/pickleball courts, parking maintenance yard and shop, barbeque area and related improvements. Phase Three: Phase consists of the design and construction of a gymnasium and related improvements. Phase Four: Phase consists of the design and construction of a track and field area and related improvements.

Project Funding: At least \$665,273 in HUD funds; \$8,500,000 in State Grant Funds

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Kern Planning and Natural Resources Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: Shafter Recreation and Park District

Exempt Status: (Check One)

Statutory Exemptions. (Sec. 15260 to 15285, CEQA Guidelines). State code and number:

- Ministerial (Sec. 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269[a])
- Emergency (Sec. 15269[b] and [c])
- Other (Sec. _____)

Exemption. (General Rule - Section 15061 (b) (3), CEQA Guidelines)

Categorical Exemption. (Article 19 - Sec. 15300 to 15332 CEQA Guidelines),

Reasons why project is exempt: Project is for the development of Community Park that is consistent with the current land use designation under the City of Shafter 2005 General Plan.

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Prepared By: 
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Date: 4/27/26 _____

Approved By: 
Craig M. Murphy, Director

Date: 4/27/26 _____

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing:
Date of Hearing: