

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of: Kern
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Bakersfield, CA 93301-4639

From: (Public Agency): Panama-Buena Vista Union School District
5901 Schirra Ct, 2nd Floor West
Bakersfield, CA 93313
(Address)

Project Title: Tevis Junior High School Expansion Project

Project Applicant: Panama-Buena Vista Union School District (PBVUSD, District)

Project Location - Specific:
3901 Pin Oak Boulevard, Bakersfield, California

Project Location - City: Bakersfield Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
See attached page

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Panama-Buena Vista Union School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Paul Johnson, Construction and Facilities Director

- 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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 14- §15314
[] Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
See attached page

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Paul Johnson, Construction and Facilities Director Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (661) 831-8331 ext. 6280

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

Signature: [Signature] Date: 5/12/2024 Title: Construction and Facilities Director
Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Project Name: Tevis Junior High School Expansion Project

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project proposes the construction of the following new amenities on the north side of the campus:

- Four 24 feet by 40 feet (960 square feet) classroom buildings
- 36 feet by 40 feet (1,440 square feet) administrative building
- 36 feet by 40 feet (1,440 square feet) multi-purpose building
- 12 feet by 40 feet (480 square feet) restrooms
- 30 feet by 30 feet (900 square feet) shade structure
- 48 feet by 48 feet (2,304 square feet) play court
- ADA accessible passenger drop-off
- Construction of pedestrian improvements, such as walkways
- Perimeter fencing and maintenance / storage areas

The District anticipates the expansion will increase the current student population by approximately 20 students and five to seven staff members. The new buildings will fit within the footprint of the existing school campus. Minimal grading for building pads and walkways is anticipated. An existing tree may need to be removed for the proposed construction. The improvements are intended to modernize school infrastructure to increase safety, more effectively utilize district property and improve the educational services provided.

Exemptions: §15314: *Minor Additions to Schools Class 14*

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The proposed improvements are consistent with Exemption 15314 (Class 14 - Minor Additions to Schools), as all improvements will be made within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, including portable classrooms. As mentioned, the improvements would increase student capacity by 20 students.

Based on the 2024-2025 School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for Tevis Junior High School, the Project would increase the student capacity of the school by approximately 2.47 percent. The Project is also proposing the construction of four new classrooms, which is under the threshold of ten new classrooms.

The Project will construct minor upgrades and additions to the existing school, and result in a minimal increase of student capacity and faculty. The Project will improve educational experience, provide additional amenities and will improve accessibility and increase vehicle and pedestrian safety.

As discussed, the improvements at these existing schools would not result in a significant environmental impact and are consistent with the provisions of Class 14 Categorical Exemptions as per Section 21084 of the Public Resources Code.