

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROJECT TITLE: Lemoore Union Elementary School District New Elementary School Project

SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lemoore Union Elementary School District (District), as Lead Agency for the Project, has prepared a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Lemoore Union Elementary School District New Elementary School Project, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code [PRC], Division 13, Section 21000 et seq. [CEQA Statute] and the California Code of Regulations [CCR], Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq. [CEQA Guidelines]). An IS/MND is a detailed informational document that analyzes a proposed project's potentially significant environmental impacts, as well as identifying ways to minimize and mitigate such effects. The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments regarding the content of the Draft IS/MND.

PROJECT LOCATION: N. 19th Avenue and Cinnamon Drive, Lemoore, CA 93245

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project would include the construction of a New Elementary School at the northwest corner of the intersection of 19th Avenue and Cinnamon Drive (Figure 1). The proposed project would construct six single-story, wood frame, slab on grade structures. The new school would house 550 K-6 students. Building 100 would consist of Administration and Library. Building 200 would be a Multi-purpose Building, which would contain a Kitchen and Dining facility, along with a Music Classroom and a Stage, which would be used for performances and presentations. Buildings 300, 400 and 500 would contain the required classrooms, each of these buildings would house six classrooms for a total of 18 teaching stations with collaborative spaces, restrooms, and pull-out rooms. Building 600 would contain 4 Kindergarten classrooms which would be utilized as a single session. The total number of teaching stations would be 22. The total square footage of all six buildings would be approximately 49,000 square feet. The site plan indicates an area for a future classroom building, making the potential of a Master Planned Capacity of 700 students. The project also proposes development of an outdoor amphitheater, play fields, hardcourts, apparatus areas, bus loop, and parking lot (Figure 2).

Proposed offsite improvements include improvements to 19th Avenue, including street demolition to allow for new curb and gutter development, sidewalks, landscaping, pavement reconstruction, striping and signage. The project would include a new crosswalk with flashing beacons for safe crossing across 19th Avenue at Freedom Drive. Proposed offsite utilities include storm, water, fire & sewer connections to serve the proposed school. The project would also underground the existing overhead utility poles that run along the east side of the project site along 19th Avenue.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064(f)(2), and based on the environmental analysis in the Initial Study, the District has determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate level of environmental documentation for the Project.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The District will make this NOI and the IS/MND (pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15072) available for public review and comment from January 10, 2019 to February 11, 2020.

RESPONSES AND COMMENTS: Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your comments to:

CEQA Questions and Comments
Lemoore Union Elementary School District
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Please include "Lemoore Union Elementary School District New Elementary School" in the subject line

PUBLIC MEETING: District will hold a public meeting on February 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the District Administrative Office located at 1200 W Cinnamon Drive, Lemoore, CA. All agencies, organizations, and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The IS/MND is available for review at the following locations:

- District Administrative Office located at 1200 W Cinnamon Drive, Lemoore, CA
- Online at <https://www.luesd.k12.ca.us/>