

Clovis Unified School District
Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the
Shields-Locan Elementary School Project
(State Clearinghouse No. 2018031007)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

The Clovis Unified School District has prepared an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Shields-Locan Elementary School Project. Based on the Initial Study, the District determined that although the project could have a significant effect on the environment, there would not be a significant effect because the District has incorporated into the project mitigation measures that would avoid any significant effects of the project or reduce the effects to an insignificant level.

The Governing Board of the Clovis Unified School District will consider adopting the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and approving the project on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible at the District Boardroom, Professional Development Building, 1680 David E. Cook Way, Clovis, California. You may attend this meeting and present testimony regarding the project.

Project Location and Description: The proposed project includes the acquisition of a 25-acre school site and the construction and operation of an elementary school on the site. The site is located on the east side Locan Avenue, approximately 650 feet north of Shields Avenue, adjacent to the City of Fresno in Fresno County.

The elementary school would serve up to 750 students in grades TK-6. The campus would have approximately 28 classrooms, administrative offices, a multi-purpose building, hardcourt areas and athletic fields that could potentially be lighted. The school would have approximately fifty employees, including administrators, faculty, and support staff. The school would be in regular session on weekdays from late August to early June, but may host special events and classes during evenings, on weekends, and during summer recess.

The District anticipates beginning construction in 2019, and that the school will open for the 2020-21 school year.

Mitigation Measures: The District has incorporated into the project mitigation measures for potentially significant project impacts related to aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, noise, traffic and tribal cultural resources. The mitigation measures are included in Table 1 of the Initial Study.

Public Review and Comment: The public and interested agencies may review and submit written comments on the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study. The documents are available for review at Clovis Unified School District Facility Services Office, 1450 Herndon Avenue, Clovis, California, and on the District's website: www.cusd.com/facilities-homepage/. The public review period will begin on Monday, July 23, 2018 and end on Wednesday, August 22, 2018. Please submit your written comments to Kevin Peterson, Assistant Superintendent, Facility Services, 1450 Herndon Avenue, Clovis, California, 93611, email: kevinpeterson@cusd.com, (559) 327-9260.