## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION For the Clovis Unified School District Office Expansion Phase II Project

DATE: October 9, 2024

TO: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: Clovis Unified School District

PROJECT TITLE: Clovis Unified School District Office Expansion Phase II Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clovis Unified School District (CUSD) has prepared a Draft Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the project listed above (State Clearinghouse Number 2022110544) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15000 et seq. Anyone desiring to comment on the IS-MND may do so in writing within the 30-day public review period from Wednesday, October 9, 2024 through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 8, 2024.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project site is located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Herndon Avenue and North Fowler Avenue, on approximately 5.08 acres within Assessor's Parcel Number: 550-020-47T, owned by CUSD. See Figure 1 for a map of the project site. The project site does not contain hazardous waste sites identified on lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project consists of Phase II of a multi-phased CUSD office development. Phase II would construct four buildings and associated site infrastructure, including parking, required for an administration office building (Building A) and shop buildings (Buildings B, C, and D). Building A would be 11,848 square feet, Building B would be 2,099 square feet, Building C would be 9,337 square feet, and Building D would be 13,818 square feet. All four buildings would be constructed from type v-b, pre-manufactured metal and would have six-foot-tall rooftop parapet walls. The proposed buildings would exceed Title 24 Building Energy Efficiency Standards by approximately 3.5 percent. The project would include low flow plumbing fixtures as water conservation measures. The proposed project also includes the installation of three air compressors and five heating, ventilation, and air conditioning units. Project construction is anticipated to occur between 7:00 AM and 3:30 PM for approximately 14 months beginning in January 2025.

The shop buildings would each contain various tools and machinery. The southern end of Building C would be used as a grounds environmental safety storage room. The southern end of Building D would be used as a concrete grading room. Operational activities would not include students on-site.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:**

Pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, an Initial Study was prepared for the project. The Initial Study describes the environmental impacts of the project and suggests mitigation measures where necessary to reduce impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils (paleontological resources), hazards and hazardous materials (potential agricultural chemical

presence), and tribal cultural resources to less-than-significant levels. The proposed mitigation measures will be implemented as part of the project to ensure the project will not generate a significant adverse impact on the environment during construction or operation. Based on this assessment, a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/REVIEW:** In accordance with Section 15073 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Draft IS-MND is available for public review for 30 days from Wednesday, October 9, 2024 to Friday, November 8, 2024 at:

- Clovis Unified School District Website: <u>https://www.cusd.com/EnvironmentalReports.aspx</u>
- Clovis Unified School District Office during normal business hours (1450 Herndon Avenue, Clovis, CA 93611)

Written comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 8, 2024. Please address comments to:

Nick Mele, Administrator, Facilities Services Clovis Unified School District 1450 Herndon Avenue Clovis, CA 93611 or by email to: <u>NickMele@clovisusd.k12.ca.us</u>

Figure 1 Project Location



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