Clovis Unified School District

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Minnewawa-International Elementary School Project

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the Clovis Unified School District has prepared an Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Minnewawa-International 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, March 6, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the District Boardroom, 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 22.7-acre school site and the construction and operation of an elementary school on the site. The site is located on the southeast corner of Minnewawa and International Avenues, approximately 1.25 miles north of the City of Clovis in Fresno County. The project site is within the City of Clovis sphere of influence.

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 50 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 project includes annexation of the site to the City of Clovis prior to construction, and detachment from the Fresno County Fire Protection District and the Kings River Conservation District.

The timing for construction of the school would be dependent on enrollment growth and funding availability. The District estimates that the school could be constructed in approximately five years.

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, hazards and hazardous materials, noise, transportation/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 the 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 Friday, December 28, 2018 and end on Monday, January 28, 2019. 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.