

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

This is to advise that the West Hills Community College District has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project identified below that is scheduled to be considered at the Board of Trustees regular meeting on Tuesday, **February 16, 2021**

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Board of Trustees will consider adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration at the meeting to be held on February 16, 2021. Presentations will be made at approximately 3:00 p.m. Action on items on the board agenda will occur after the presentations.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor of California has issued Executive Order N-25-20, Executive Order N-29-20, and Executive Order N-35-20 modifying the Brown Act in order to facilitate essential public meetings being held through remote methods, such as telephonically or electronically. Consistent with the foregoing, this Board meeting is being held as a virtual meeting. The Board meeting can be viewed live on YouTube. Please go to the District's website for more information <https://www.westhillscollge.com/>

Project Name

West Hills College Lemoore Campus Instructional Center Project

Project Location

The project site is located on the West Hills Community College- Lemoore campus on the northwest corner of Pederson Avenue and College Avenue in the City of Lemoore, Kings County, CA. The project site is an approximately 27.1 acre portion of Assessor's Parcel Numbers 023-510-018, within Section 8, Township 19S, Range 20E, MMB&M.

Project Description

The District is proposing to construct a 42,429 square foot, two-story Instructional Center (IC) on an undeveloped but disturbed portion of the existing campus. The college has a current student enrollment of 4,600 students and the proposed expansion is anticipated to increase the overall student population by approximately 5 percent, or approximately 232 students. The IC will be used to expand education opportunities in the areas of allied health services, computer science and graphic arts.

Construction is expected to begin in January 2023 and end in April 2024. Construction equipment will include a crane, bulldozer, grader, bob cat, trencher, cement trucks, water trucks, trash trucks, equipment delivery trucks, and company work vehicles.

The document and documents referenced in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at District administrative office located at 275 Phelps Ave, Coalinga, CA 93210, or on the District website:

<https://www.westhillscollge.com/district/administration/>

As mandated by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the public review period for this document was 30 days (CEQA Section 15073[b]). The public review period began on December 24, 2020 and ended on January 22, 2021. For further information, please contact Jaymie Brauer at 661-616-2600 or jaymie.brauer@qkinc.com.