FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA) / NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR FUSD AVIATION ACADEMY

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, the Fresno Unified School District Board (Board) caused the preparation of an Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of the proposed FUSD Aviation Academy Project (Project).

Project Title: FUSD Aviation Academy

SCH Number: 2026110104

Project Location: Fresno Chandler Executive Airport
640 and 716 West Kearney Boulevard, Fresno, CA 93706

Project Description:

The Fresno Unified School District proposes to construct and operate an Aviation Career Technical Education (CTE) Facility on approximately 4.3 acres at the Fresno Chandler Executive Airport in the City of Fresno. The project would be developed in two phases and would include demolition of existing airport hangar structures; construction of two two-story aviation education hangars containing classrooms, laboratories, aircraft maintenance training space, flight simulation facilities, administrative offices, and related support areas; development of parking and site infrastructure improvements; and construction of a two-story Engagement Center with drone and simulation laboratories. The facility would serve approximately 200 students per day and support aviation mechanics, aviation electronics, unmanned aerial systems, flight simulation, and air traffic control training programs. The project would also support limited flight training activities utilizing small, single-engine aircraft, incorporate solar power generation, battery energy storage, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and include site remediation activities to address existing hazardous building materials and soil contamination prior to construction.

Environmental Review and Public Comment:
The circulation of the Draft IS/MND is to encourage written public comments. Interested persons can review the Draft IS/MND at the following location:

Fresno Unified School District
4600 North Brawley Avenue
Fresno, CA 93722

You may obtain the document and the supporting technical studies in electronic format on the Fresno Unified School District's website at https://www.fresnounified.org/departments/facilities or on the CEQANet website at https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/2026110104.

The comment period closes on the December 7, 2026. Please submit comments to Angelo.Racca@fresnounified.org or to:

Angelo Racca, Project Manager
4600 North Brawley Avenue
Fresno, CA 93722
Telephone: (559) 260-8529

Alex Belanger
Name

By

Chief Executive, Operational Services
Title

Date

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613
For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH # 2026110104

Project Title: FUSD Aviation Academy

Lead Agency: Fresno Unified School District | Contact Person: Angelo Racca

Mailing Address: 4600 N. Brawley Avenue | Phone: (559) 260-8529

City: Fresno | Zip: 93722 | County: Fresno

Project Location: County: Fresno | City/Nearest Community: Fresno

Cross Streets: W Kearney Boulevard and S Fruit Avenue | Zip Code: 93706

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 36 ° 43 ' 44.68 " N / -119 ° 49 ' 13.51 " W Total Acres: 4.3

Assessor's Parcel No.: 464-220-43T | Section: 8 | Twp.: 14S | Range: 20E | Base: MDPM

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 180, 99, 41 | Waterways: Dry Creek Canal, Houghton Canal, Fanning Ditch

Airports: Fresno Chandler Executive Airport | Railways: SJVR, UP | Schools: Bethune, Sunset, Colombia, Edison, King, Gaston

Document Type:

CEQA: ☐ NOP ☐ Draft EIR | NEPA: ☐ NOI | Other: ☐ Joint Document
☐ Early Cons ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR ☐ EA ☐ Final Document
☐ Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) ☐ Draft EIS ☐ Other:
☒ Mit Neg Dec Other: ☐ FONSI

Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update ☐ Specific Plan ☐ Rezone ☐ Annexation
☐ General Plan Amendment ☐ Master Plan ☐ Prezone ☐ Redevelopment
☐ General Plan Element ☐ Planned Unit Development ☐ Use Permit ☐ Coastal Permit
☐ Community Plan ☒ Site Plan ☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) ☐ Other:

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units ____ Acres ____
☐ Office: Sq.ft. ____ Acres ____ Employees ____
☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. ____ Acres ____ Employees ____
☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. ____ Acres ____ Employees ____
☒ Educational: 55,800 sq. ft. buildings, 4.3 acres
☐ Recreational:
☐ Water Facilities: Type ____ MGD ____
☐ Transportation: Type ____
☐ Mining: Mineral ____
☐ Power: Type ____ MW ____
☐ Waste Treatment: Type ____ MGD ____
☐ Hazardous Waste: Type ____
☐ Other: ____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☒ Aesthetic/Visual ☐ Fiscal ☒ Recreation/Parks ☒ Vegetation
☒ Agricultural Land ☒ Flood Plain/Flooding ☒ Schools/Universities ☒ Water Quality
☒ Air Quality ☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard ☐ Septic Systems ☒ Water Supply/Groundwater
☒ Archeological/Historical ☒ Geologic/Seismic ☒ Sewer Capacity ☒ Wetland/Riparian
☒ Biological Resources ☒ Minerals ☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading ☒ Growth Inducement
☐ Coastal Zone ☒ Noise ☒ Solid Waste ☒ Land Use
☒ Drainage/Absorption ☒ Population/Housing Balance ☒ Toxic/Hazardous ☒ Cumulative Effects
☐ Economic/Jobs ☒ Public Services/Facilities ☒ Traffic/Circulation ☐ Other:

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Airport / Public Institutional / Airport

Project Description: *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

The project consists of the phased development and operation of an Aviation Career Technical Education (CTE) Facility on approximately 4.3 acres at Fresno Chandler Executive Airport in the City of Fresno. The project includes demolition of existing hangar buildings; construction of aviation education facilities containing classrooms, laboratories, flight simulation space, aircraft maintenance training areas, administrative offices, and student support facilities; development of a student engagement center; parking, circulation, utility, and infrastructure improvements; installation of solar energy, battery energy storage, and electric vehicle charging facilities; operation of aviation education and limited flight-training activities utilizing small single-engine aircraft; and associated environmental remediation activities required prior to construction.

Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with and "**X**".
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "**S**".

____	Air Resources Board	____	Office of Historic Preservation
____	Boating & Waterways, Department of	____	Office of Public School Construction
____	California Emergency Management Agency	____	Parks & Recreation, Department of
____	California Highway Patrol	____	Pesticide Regulation, Department of
____	Caltrans District # ____	____	Public Utilities Commission
x	Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	____	Regional WQCB # ____
____	Caltrans Planning	____	Resources Agency
____	Central Valley Flood Protection Board	____	Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
____	Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	____	S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
____	Coastal Commission	____	San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
____	Colorado River Board	____	San Joaquin River Conservancy
____	Conservation, Department of	____	Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
____	Corrections, Department of	____	State Lands Commission
____	Delta Protection Commission	____	SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
____	Education, Department of	____	SWRCB: Water Quality
____	Energy Commission	____	SWRCB: Water Rights
x	Fish & Game Region # 4	____	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
____	Food & Agriculture, Department of	x	Toxic Substances Control, Department of
____	Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	____	Water Resources, Department of
____	General Services, Department of		
____	Health Services, Department of	____	Other: ____
____	Housing & Community Development	____	Other: ____
____	Native American Heritage Commission		

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date November 6, 2026 Ending Date December 7, 2026

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: Blair, Church & Flynn Consulting Engineers, Inc.
Address: 451 Clovis Avenue Suite #200
City/State/Zip: Clovis, CA 93612
Contact: Michael Gennaro
Phone: (559) 326-1400

Applicant: Fresno Unified School District
Address: 4600 N. Brawley Avenue
City/State/Zip: Fresno, CA 93722
Phone: (559) 260-8529

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____ **Date:** 11/05/2026

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

Form F

Lead agencies may include 15 hardcopies of this document when submitting electronic copies of Environmental Impact Reports, Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, or Notices of Preparation to the State Clearinghouse (SCH). The SCH also accepts other summaries, such as EIR Executive Summaries prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15123. Please include one copy of the Notice of Completion Form (NOC) with your submission and attach the summary to each electronic copy of the document.

SCH #: 2026110104

Project Title: FUSD Aviation Academy

Lead Agency: Fresno Unified School District

Contact Name: Angelo Racca

Email: Angelo.Racca@fresnounified.org Phone Number: (559) 260-8529

Project Location: City of Fresno, County of Fresno
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The proposed project consists of the phased development and operation of an Aviation Career Technical Education (CTE) Facility on approximately 4.3 acres within Fresno Chandler Executive Airport in the City of Fresno. The project would include demolition of existing hangar structures; construction of two aviation education hangar buildings containing classrooms, laboratories, aircraft maintenance training facilities, flight simulation laboratories, administrative offices, and related support space; construction of a student engagement center with drone and simulation laboratories; parking, circulation, utility, and infrastructure improvements; and installation of solar energy, battery energy storage, and electric vehicle charging facilities. The project would support aviation-related educational programs, including aviation mechanics, aviation electronics, unmanned aerial systems, flight simulation, air traffic control training, and limited flight-training activities utilizing small single-engine aircraft. The project also includes environmental remediation activities necessary to address existing hazardous materials and soil contamination prior to construction.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The project would result in potentially significant impacts on various issues, therefore the project would incorporate mitigation measures to reduce each impact to a less than significant level. Project mitigation measures include:

Pre-construction nesting bird surveys would be completed if construction starts in nesting bird season.
If underground Cultural, Tribal Cultural, and Paleontological resources and/or human remains are encountered during construction activities, work in the area will halt and a qualified specialist will assess the find and determine the appropriate handling of the discovered materials.
The project will prioritize the use of electric infrastructure, mechanical equipment, and appliances.
Noise impacts will be reduced by managing the schedule, equipment, equipment siting, etc.
Groundborne vibrations will be reduced by prohibiting the use of high-vibratory equipment near sensitive buildings.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Consistency with airport safety plans and policies.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

County of Fresno
City of Fresno
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD)
Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD)
Division of the State Architect (DSA)
Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG)
Caltrans Division of Aeronautics