



NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

In accordance with Section 15021 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, notice is hereby given that the City of Hanford (City) will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Heroes Park Project (proposed project). Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15082(a), the City has issued this NOP to provide responsible agencies, trustee agencies, and other interested parties with information describing the proposed project and its potential physical environmental effects. The EIR will address the potential physical environmental effects of the proposed project that have not been scoped out, as outlined in CEQA. The City is requesting comments on the scope and content of this EIR.

Public Scoping Meeting

A scoping session will be held on December 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Training Room (319 N Douty Street, Hanford, CA 93230). The scoping session, which is part of the EIR process, is the time when the City solicits input from the public and agencies on specific topics they believe should be addressed in the environmental analysis. The scoping process is designed to enable the City to determine the scope and content of the EIR and identify potentially significant environmental effects, alternatives, and mitigation measures to be analyzed in the EIR.

This meeting can also be attended remotely via the Teams platform at the following link:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>

Meeting ID: 212 950 082 014 5

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Dial in by phone: +1 469-262-1742

Phone conference ID: 177 270 314#

Project Location and Existing Conditions

The project site is located within the City's Sphere of Influence in unincorporated Kings County. The site is approximately 0.25 miles east of 9 1/4 Avenue and approximately 0.3 miles west of 9 1/2 Avenue, directly south of Grangeville Boulevard on an approximately 40-acre portion of Assessor's Parcel Number 014-230-098-000 (see Figure 1, *Regional Location*, Figure 2, *Local Vicinity*, and Figure 3, *Aerial Photograph*). Most of the project site is currently in active agricultural use and is cultivated with row crops. The remainder of the site includes a driveway, residential and storage structures, and a mixture of planted landscaping and ruderal vegetation.

Project Description

The proposed project would include the demolition of the existing structures and construction of a 40-acre regional park that would include various recreation features and site amenities. The proposed project would consist of an amphitheater that would include a stage, concrete dance floor, tiered seating, and speakers as well as allow for temporary lighting; the amphitheater would host events such as concerts, plays, and celebratory events. Additional recreational elements would include an outdoor skate park, dog park, multi-use athletic fields with stadium lighting, a disc golf course, a pickleball court complex with speakers and full-court outdoor basketball courts. The new park would feature a playground, outdoor fitness equipment area, a trail loop, a

community learning garden, picnic areas, and a central plaza with water fountain. Public art pieces would be placed throughout the site to honor community heroes. The proposed project would include landscaping and open space areas throughout the site. The proposed project would operate seven days a week between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

The proposed project would include the installation of lighting throughout the project site to enhance visibility and ensure public safety. Perimeter fencing would be installed around the project site to restrict access during non-operational hours. Ingress/egress would be provided via three new driveways. The proposed project would include the construction of a bus stop in the northern part of the project site along the eastbound side of Grangeville Boulevard. Additionally, the proposed project would include off-site improvements consisting of a new two-lane collector street, 9th Avenue, along the western boundary of the site, that extends south from Grangeville Boulevard and features sidewalks on both sides. Associated utility and right-of-way infrastructure would be developed in accordance with City of Hanford standards and regulations.

Probable Environmental Effects

The environmental analysis in the Draft EIR will include potential preconstruction, construction, and operation impacts and project-specific and cumulative effects. The Draft EIR will evaluate all 20 of the environmental topics required by current (2025) CEQA Guidelines Appendix G. Based on existing conditions and current available information, it is anticipated that the following topics could result in potential significant environmental effects— aesthetics, agriculture, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, public services, recreation, transportation, tribal cultural resources, and utilities and service systems. These impacts will be analyzed in detail in the EIR. It is anticipated that the proposed project would not have the potential to adversely affect land use and planning, mineral resources, population and housing, and wildfire, and these topics will be evaluated in Chapter 5, *Impacts Found not to be Significant*, of the Draft EIR.

Due to limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than the close of the 30-day NOP review period at 5:00 p.m. on December 22, 2025. If you submit comments on the scope of the EIR, you will automatically be added to the distribution list for future notices about the proposed project. Please include "Heroes Park EIR" as the subject and submit comments via the mailing address listed below or email gmyers@hanfordca.gov. Please note that all submitted correspondence and comments become part of the public record.

For further information, please contact Gabrielle Myers or visit: <https://cityofhanfordca.com/1550/Heroes-Park>

Mailing Address and Phone Number of Contact Person

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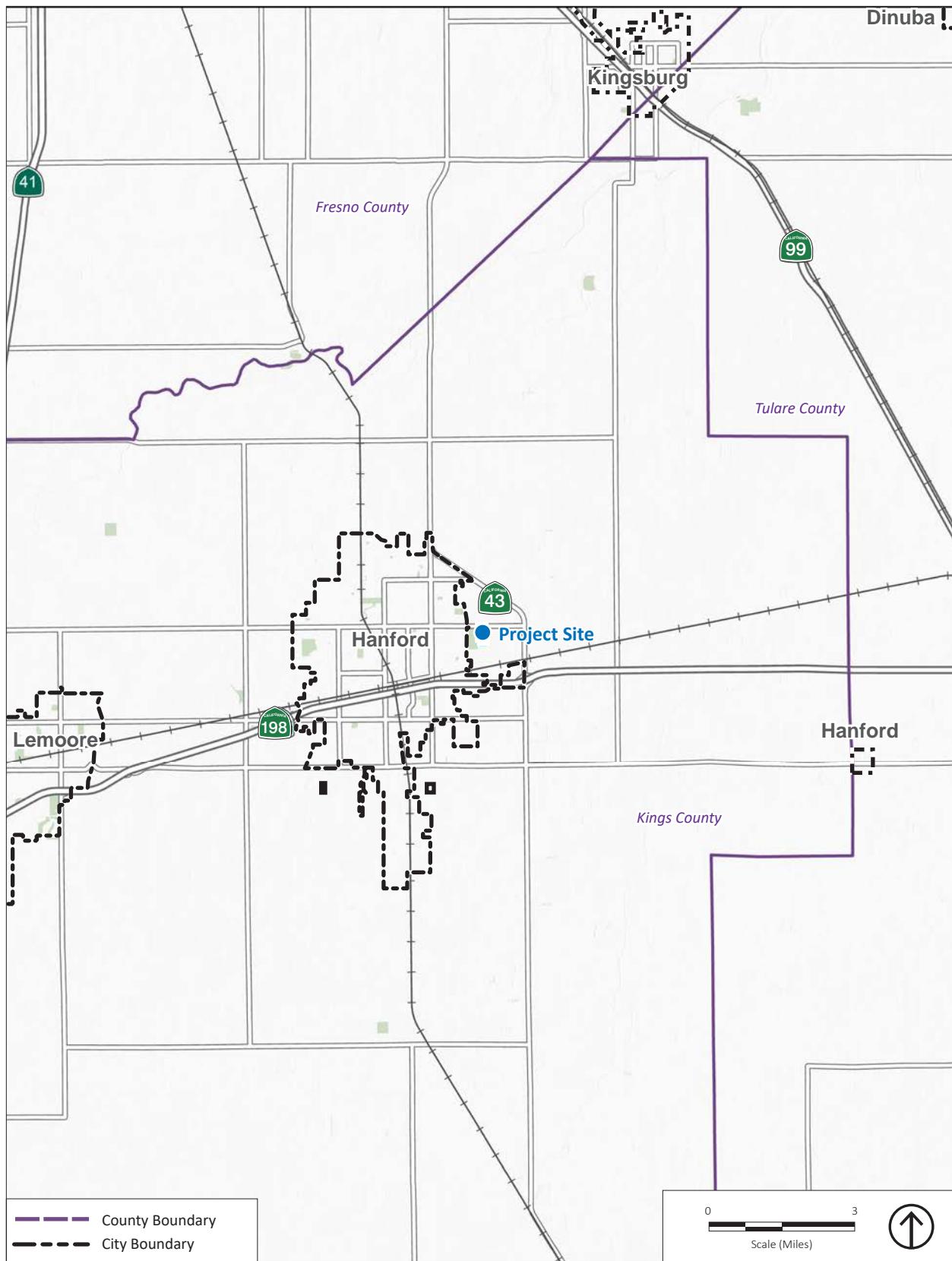
Attachments

Figure 1 Regional Location

Figure 2 Local Vicinity

Figure 3 Aerial Photograph

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Figure 1
Regional Location

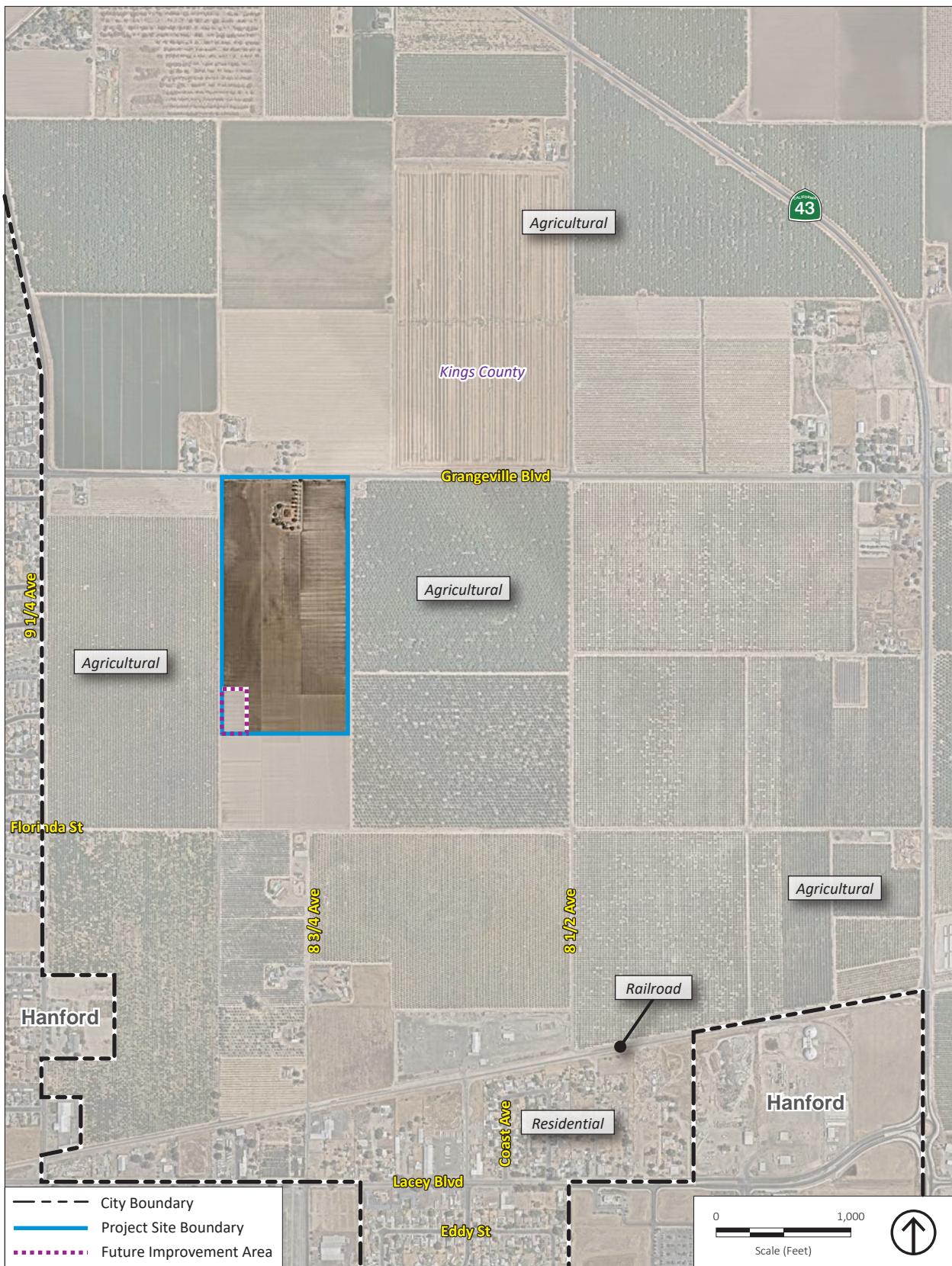
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Figure 2
Local Vicinity

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Source: Nearmap 2025.

Figure 3
Aerial Photograph