

# **SIERRA PACIFIC HIGH SCHOOL**

## **SYNOPSIS**

Population growth in the city of Hanford has created the need for a third high school. Sierra Pacific High School is a state of the art school with science classrooms, a music room, sport facilities and weight room as well as regular classrooms.

## **WHY THE GRAND JURY INVESTIGATED**

Public interest.

## **AUTHORITY**

California Penal Code Section 933.5. The Grand Jury may at any time examine the books and records of any special-purpose assessing or taxing district in the county.

## **METHOD OF INVESTIGATION**

An administrator of Sierra Pacific High School gave the Grand Jury a tour of the facility, discussed future plans, and answered all questions.

## **BACKGROUND AND FACTS**

The Hanford Joint Union High School District had not built a new high school in over 40 years. Phase one of the Sierra Pacific High School was completed in time for the beginning of the 2009/2010 school year. At this time, only freshman students are being enrolled. Each year a new freshman class will be added until school year 2012/2013, when all four classes will be attending. Phase two plans include building an administration building, wrestling room, aquatic center, maintenance facilities, library and media center. Sierra Pacific High School offers the same general program as the other two Hanford high schools. Enrollment at this time is 221 students.

## **FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

None

## **COMMENTS**

The new high school is located next to the Hanford extension of College of Sequoias and arrangements have been made for high school students to attend some classes and receive college credit. The Grand Jury was impressed with Sierra Pacific High School, especially the gymnasium, science labs and kitchen facilities.

## **RESPONSE REQUIREMENT**

None required