

Plans for High School Moving Forward

The Mojave Unified School District has opened escrow on the 65-acre site at Mendiburu Road and Rusche Street, which was chosen earlier for the new California City High School.

District Superintendent Larry Phelps said construction on the new high school could begin this spring or summer. Phelps also said that the construction of the school will be done in a modular system. Turnkey Industries in Perris, California will truck pre-constructed pieces to the site. This system speeds construction by allowing site and structural work to be done at the same time.

The new high school is designed to accommodate up to 600 students with room to expand for an even larger student body. It was expected that around 450 students would initially attend, but Phelps already has increased that estimate.

“My gut feeling,” said Phelps, “is that we will continue to grow because the economy seems to be improving and enrollment is increasing in the lower grades.”

Plans for Hacienda Elementary, a new elementary school in California City, are proceeding along with the plans for the new high school. The new elementary school will be built on district land at the site of California City Middle School, and could be completed sooner than the high school.



Artist's rendering by Slewelling and Moody, architects, depicts completed high school slated for construction at Mendiburu Road and Rusche Street. Courtesy Mojave Desert News