Notice of Exemption

To: Marin County Clerk
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From: San Rafael City Schools
   310 Nova Albion Way
   San Rafael, CA 94903
   Room 505

Project Title: Bahia Vista Elementary School Solar Photovoltaic Arrays Project

Project Location - Specific: Bahia Vista Elementary School
   125 Bahia Way, San Rafael, CA 94901

Project Location - City: San Rafael

Project Location - County: Marin

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This project consists of the construction of a new solar photovoltaic (PV) shade structure and a solar PV parking lot canopy at Bahia Vista Elementary School. The new solar shade structure will be located on campus north of the existing field, and the carport canopy will be located over a portion of the existing parking lot off Playa Del Rey, creating a total estimated shade area of approximately 4,620 square feet. The project has a combined module count of approximately 342 and an estimated PV modular area totaling 9,240 square feet. The preliminary homerun route will run from the main electrical service location near the front of the campus along the side of the school building, then along the west perimeter of the field and blacktop to the shade structure. The project will also include upgrades, extensions, relocation, and/or replacement of existing utilities and other utility work, as necessary, including electrical; site work, including demolition, earthwork, minor grading, trenching, backfill, and related site work; and associated equipment and other improvements appertinent thereto. This project will serve the greater sustainability drive of the District, and will generate power to help offset Bahia Vista Elementary School's current electrical usage, resulting in energy savings for the District. Construction is anticipated to commence in the Summer of 2023. This Project would benefit District staff, students, and the local community.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Rafael City Schools

Name of Agency Carrying Out Project: San Rafael City Schools

Exempt Status: (check one)

☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15266);
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1: Sec. 15301; Class 3: Sec. 15303; Class 4: Sec. 15304; Class 11: Sec. 15311; and Class 14: Sec. 15314
☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Public Resources Code, Sec. 21080.35
☒ Other. Common Sense Exemption: Sec. 15061(b)(3)

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: Class 1: Operation, repair, maintenance, or minor exterior alterations to existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features involving no or negligible expansion of use. Class 3: Construction and location of limited number of small, new facilities or structures and reasonable electrical power and other utility extensions. Class 4: Consists of minor public alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. Class 11: The project consists of the construction of minor structures accessory to the existing facilities. Class 14: Minor additions to an existing school site. Statutory Exemption per Public Resources Code, Section 21080.35: Exclusions regarding installation of solar energy systems. Common Sense

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21168, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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