Notice of Exemption

**To:** Marin County Clerk
   Recorder's Office
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   San Rafael, CA 94903

   Office of Planning and Research
   1400 11th Street
   Sacramento CA, 95814
   Via CEQASubmit/CEQAnet

**From:** San Rafael City Schools
   310 Nova Albion Way
   San Rafael, CA 94903
   Room 505

**Project Title:** Davidson Middle School Solar Photovoltaic Arrays Project

**Project Location - Specific:** Davidson Middle School
   280 Woodland Ave, 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 either two or three solar photovoltaic (PV) shade structures at Davidson Middle School. Specifically, the project includes the construction of one shade structure with PV modules to be located in the center of campus, as well as the construction of either: (1) a second shade structure with PV modules to be located between the existing baseball field and existing blacktop, or (2) a second and third shade structure with PV modules to be located along a portion of the perimeter of the campus between the existing field and property line adjacent to Jordan Street. The preliminary homerun route will run from the main electrical service location in the parking lot, either: (1) through the parking lot and blacktop to the two shade structures, or (2) along the perimeter of the softball field and blacktop to the three shade structures. With a combined module count of approximately 842, the total estimated PV modular area campus-wide will be approximately 22,740 square feet, creating a total estimated shade area of approximately 22,740 square feet. 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; associated equipment and other improvements appurtenant thereto. This Project will serve the greater sustainability drive of the District, and will generate power to help offset Davidson Middle 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); 15268);
- [ ] Declared Emergency (Sec. 21060(b)(3); 15260(a));
- [ ] Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- [x] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1: Sec. 15301; Class 3: Sec. 15303; Class 11: Sec. 15311; and Class 14: Sec. 15314
- [ ] Statutory Exemptions. (Pub. Res. 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 11: The Project consists of the construction of minor structures accessory to the existing facilities. Class 14: Minor additions to an existing school site. Common Sense

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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