Notice of Exemption

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

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

Office of Planning and Research
1400 10th Street
Sacramento CA, 95814
Via CEQSubmit/CEQAnet

PROJECT TITLE: San Rafael High School Solar Photovoltaic Arrays and Microgrids Project

PROJECT LOCATION - SPECIFIC: San Rafael High School
   150 3rd Street, 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 two microgrid systems, three solar photovoltaic (PV) shade structures, four solar PV carport canopies, and the installation of five rooftop solar PV arrays on existing rooftops at the San Rafael High School campus site. The three solar shade structures will be located: (1) along the perimeter of the field on the north side of campus adjacent to Mission Street; (2) along the north perimeter of the track in the center of campus; and (3) along a portion of the east perimeter of campus adjacent to the baseball field. Three carport canopies will be located over the east portion of the existing main parking lot off 3rd Street, with the fourth carport canopy located along the south perimeter of the parking lot adjacent to the stadium, running parallel to 3rd Street. The rooftop solar PV arrays will be installed on the rooftops of the gym and the buildings abutting the front parking lot. With a combined module count of 2,240, the estimated PV modular area campus-wide totals 60,480 square feet, creating a total estimated shade area of approximately 28,560 square feet. The microgrids will be located in the rear of the campus near the gym parking lot, and in the center of campus between the track and school buildings, and the preliminary homerun routes will run from the main electrical service and preliminary BESS locations through the parking lot and along the perimeter of the buildings to connect with the carport canopies and front-building rooftop solar PV arrays, and along the east perimeter of the gym, and south perimeter of the pool and tennis courts to the gym rooftop solar PV arrays and east shade structure. A third preliminary homerun route will run to two of the shade structures from the main electrical service location adjacent to the emergency access route near Mission Avenue along the north perimeter adjacent to the field and through the campus to the track. 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 San Rafael High 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. 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.

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

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