Notice of Exemption

To: Marin County Clerk
    Recorder's Office
    3501 Civic Center Dr. #232
    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 CEQAsubmit/CEQAnet

Project Title: Terra Linda High School Solar Photovoltaic Arrays and Microgrids Project

Project Location - Specific: Terra Linda High School
    320 Nova Albion Way, San Rafael, CA 94903

Project Location - City: San Rafael

Project Location - County: Marin

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This project consists of the construction of three solar photovoltaic (PV) shade structures, a solar PV carport canopy on the existing parking lot, and two microgrid systems at Terra Linda High School. The new solar shade structures will be located on the existing field on campus, with two of the shade structures running along a portion of the north perimeter of the existing field, extending from the tennis courts to approximately the west-end of the track. The third shade structure will be located along the south perimeter of the existing paved area adjacent to the tennis courts, extending from the tennis courts to the field. The carport canopy will be located along a portion of the south perimeter of the existing parking lot adjacent to the track. The microgrids will be located in the front parking lot and in the center of campus north of the tennis courts, and the preliminary home run routes will run from the main electrical service and preliminary BESS locations along the east perimeter of the tennis courts to the shade structures, and along a portion of the parking lot to the parking lot canopy. With a combined module count of approximately 1,902, the total estimated PV module area campus-wide will be 51,360 square feet, creating a total estimated shade area of approximately 45,660 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 Terra Linda 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. 15303; Class 11: Sec. 15311; and Class 14: Sec. 15314;
☒ Other. Common Sense Exemption: Sec. 1,5061(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

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Date Received for filing at OPR: 10/11/22
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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