Notice of Exemption

To: Marin County Clerk
   Recorder’s Office
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   San Rafael, CA 94903
   Office of Planning and Research
   1400 10th Street
   Sacramento CA, 95814
   Via CEQA/submit/CEQAnet

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

Project Title: San Rafael City Schools Maintenance & Operations Yard Reconfiguration & Improvements Project

Project Location - Specific: San Rafael City Schools Maintenance Facility
   38 Union St., San Rafael, CA 94901

Project Location - City: San Rafael  Project Location - County: Marin

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed project includes reconfiguration and consolidation of District Maintenance and Operations functions to south side of M&O Yard; Construction of new 40’x250’ M&O Admin-Shops Building (approx. 10,000 sf) consisting of admin space, a key shop, grounds warehouse, carpentry shop, electrical & HVAC shop with mezzanine for filter and material storage, restrooms, furniture warehouse, 10’x10’ roll-up doors, and related functions and improvements; Removal of 2 existing portables and demo of existing 1-story building on southern portion of lot (combined total approx. 960 sf); Potential relocation and/or installation of new transformer/switch gear near parking area; Yard-width expansion east (approx. 30-40 feet); Remodel of existing 2,700 ground warehouse with mezzanine to serve as shipping/receiving and custodial supplies warehouse, and related improvements, including window, insulation, and HVAC system replacement, seismic strengthening of existing walls and roof, new roofing, roll-up doors, paint, and other improvements related thereto; Remodel of existing 5,300 sf facilities office/M&O building, with 1,100 sf to serve as transit office, lock shop, and restroom, and 4,200 sf to serve as covered vehicle parking and storage – improvements scope includes replacement of windows, lighting and fans, interior and exterior doors, and HVAC systems, wall removal, construction of new non-bearing partition walls, reconstruction of property-line wall as fire-rated wall, seismic strengthening of existing walls to remain and roofs, new floor and wall finishes, paint, and other improvements related thereto; Construction of new 3,250 sf canopy (open 3-sides) with washdown area to house fleet parking and District equipment; Courtyard plaza and parking area improvements, including reconfiguration, replacement paving, 60-foot wide drive aisle, installation of a new 30-foot entry-gate, addition of EV charging station, and installation of 3 canopy mounted PV (solar) structures over parking spaces (approx. 6,000 sf); and related site work, grading, landscaping, fencing, utilities, and other improvements appurtenant thereto.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Rafael City Schools

Name of Agency Carrying Out Project: San Rafael City Schools

Exempt Status:

☐ 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. Type and section number: Class 1: Sec. 15301; Class 2: Sec. 15302;
   Class 3: Sec. 15303; Class 4: Sec. 15304; and Class 11: Sec. 15311;
☐ Statutory Exemptions;
☐ Other. Common Sense Exemption: Sec. 15061(b)(3)

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: 

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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 2: Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. Class 3: Construction and location of limited number of small, new facilities or structures and reasonable electrical power and other utility extensions. Class 4: Project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, 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. Statutory Exemption per Public Resources Code, Section 21080.35: Exclusions regarding installation of solar energy systems. Common Sense Exemption: It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project involves any activity that may have a significant effect on the environment. District will be improving an already developed property, with no increased capacity.

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Signature: [Signature]

Date: 7/20/23