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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Sonoma
585 Fiscal Drive, #103F
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

From: (Public Agency): Santa Rosa City Schools District
110 Stony Point Road, #210
Santa Rosa, CA 95401
(Address)

Project Title: Cesar Chavez Language Academy Scoreboard Project

Project Applicant: Santa Rosa City School District

Project Location - Specific:
2480 Sebastopol Road, Santa Rosa

Project Location - City: Santa Rosa Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project would consist of constructing a new scoreboard at the baseball field at the Cook School/Cesar Chavez Language Academy. Beneficiaries would be students and staff at the school.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Rosa City Schools District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Rosa City Schools District

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; Section 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed roof replacement would qualify for the exemption as a minor alteration of an existing facility (the existing ballfield) as described in Section 15301. None of the exceptions to the exemption would apply (See attached Discussion). There is no possibility of a significant impact, consistent with the exemption parameters established under Guidelines Section 15061(b).

Lead Agency Contact Person: Mr. Erik Oden Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 967-2701

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Signature: DocuSigned by: Erik Oden 41E98BFADD9B409... Date: 11/6/2025 Title: Director, Maintenance and

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☒ Signed by Applicant

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: _____

CESAR CHAVEZ ACADEMY SCOREBOARD PROJECT
CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION DISCUSSION

Project Description

Existing Facilities

Cesar Chavez Language Academy, located in the former Cook Middle School at 2480 Sebastopol Road, Santa Rosa, is owned and operated by Santa Rosa City Schools. The school has a current enrollment of approximately 950 students.

The school is in the eastern area of Santa Rosa, and is bordered by the Cook School Park on the south and west, single-family residential uses to the east, and multiple-family residential buildings across Sebastopol Road to the north. State Route 12 lies one block north of the school. The primary access to the school is off of Sebastopol Road. The Baseball field is adjacent to the school, in Cook School Park.

Proposed Project

The project would consist of installing a new electronic scoreboard and associated electrical equipment on the baseball field adjacent to the school (Cook School Park). The scoreboard would be in the outfield, and would face towards home plate. It would be supported by two columns, with a maximum height of 20 feet. The board itself would be illuminated and approximately 10 feet by 12 feet, with the bottom of the scoreboard being 8 feet above the ground.

The project would be constructed over a 4 to 6week period in November/December of 2025.

Categorical Exemption Analysis

Class 1 Exemption

The CEQA Class 1 Exemption (Class 1-Existing Facilities [CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301]) applies to operation and minor expansions of existing facilities. It includes small additions to existing structures or facilities, provided that the new structures would not increase or change the use of the facility.

As described above, the proposed project would consist of a new scoreboard in the existing school ballfield. No expansions of ballfield use, classroom space, or overall school capacity or uses are proposed. Therefore, this exemption would apply.

Analysis of Possible Exceptions to Class 1 Exemption

The exemptions are subject to the following exceptions:

- **Cumulative Impact**. This exception would apply if the project were to contribute to significant impacts to a resource in combination with other proposed new development nearby. The proposed scoreboard would be small in scale, and limited to a small area of the existing school ballfield. The project neighborhood is fully developed with residential and associated uses. No other substantive development is proposed at the school or in the neighborhood that could contribute to cumulative impacts, so this exception would not apply
- **Scenic Highways.** This exception would apply if the project were to result in damage to scenic resources within a scenic highway corridor. Highway 12 in the project area has been designated as a scenic highway by the California Department of Transportation. However, the proposed scoreboard would be small and would not be visible from the highway. Therefore, it would not substantially affect any scenic resources.
- **Hazardous Waste Sites.** This exception would apply if the project were to be located on a hazardous waste site listed pursuant to California Government Code Section 65962.5. A search of the State Envirostor database found no listed hazardous wastes sites on or near the school site[1].
- **Historical Resources.** This exception would apply if the project were to potentially significantly adversely affect an historical resource. The proposed project includes no alterations to the existing school buildings. Therefore, the project would not have the potential to adversely affect any historical resources.
- **Significant Effect.** The exception would apply if the project would have the potential for a significant effect to the environment due to unusual circumstances. Unusual circumstances may include historic structures, hazardous materials contamination, protected species or habitats, and other similar conditions. There are no unusual circumstances on the site, which is a developed school ballfield, and there is no potential for significant effect, therefore this exception would not apply.

Conclusions

As discussed above, the project is within the parameters of the Class 1 Categorical Exemption. Further, as detailed above, none of the exceptions to the exemption would apply. Therefore, this exemption would apply to the proposed project.

[1] https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/map/?myaddress=sebastopol+road+santa+rosa accessed November 3, 2025