

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 High School District
110 Stony Point Rd #210
Santa Rosa, CA 95401
 (Address)

Project Title: Elsie Allen High School Roof Replacement Project

Project Applicant: Santa Rosa High School District

Project Location - Specific:
 599 Bellevue Ave, Santa Rosa CA

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
 The project would consist of replacement of roof, and associated rooftop equipment (i.e. HVAC Units), on fifteen existing buildings at the Elsie Allen High School. Existing solar panels would be removed and not replaced. Beneficiaries would be students and staff at the school.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Rosa High School District


Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Rosa High School 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 "repair and maintenance" as described in Section 15301(d). 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: 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:  Date: 1/6/2026 Title: Executive Director, FM&O

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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

ELSIE ALLEN HIGH SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION DISCUSSION

Project Description

Existing Facilities

Elsie Allen High School, located at 599 Bellevue Avenue, Santa Rosa, is owned and operated by Santa Rosa City Schools. The school is in the southeastern area of Santa Rosa, and is bordered by single-family residential uses to the north, west, and east, and rural residential and agricultural uses to the south. US Highway 101 is about half a mile to the east of the school, and Stony Point Road is about 1,000 feet to the west. The primary access to the school is off of Bellevue Avenue.

Proposed Project

The project would consist of removing and replacing the roofs and associated facilities, on all 15 buildings at the school and on covered walkways. Existing rooftop HVAC units would be removed and reinstalled after the new roofing is installed. All roof-mounted solar panels and associated equipment will be removed and will not be re-installed.

All new built-up roofing, metal coping caps, and gutters at existing designated buildings and covered walkways. As part of this re-roof, all new curbs will be installed at the existing roof-mounted HVAC units, solar tube skylights will be added at infill of specified clerestories affected by roofing, and roof hatches and access ladders will be replaced.

The project would be constructed June to August, 2026.

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 repairs and maintenance of existing buildings, demolition and removal of small structures, addition of safety or health protection devices, restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated structures, and small additions to existing structures.

As described above, the proposed project would consist of replacement of existing school building roofs, re-installation of existing rooftop HVAC systems, and associated repairs on the school buildings and walkways. No expansions of classroom space, other interior spaces, or overall school capacity are proposed. Therefore, this exemption would apply.

Analysis of Exceptions to Class 1 Exemption

The Class 1 exemption is 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 project improvements are limited to replacement of existing roofing and HVAC equipment, and would occur only on the existing school site. Most of the project neighborhood is developed with residential and associated uses. No other projects are proposed at the school that would overlap the project's construction. The small scale and localized effects would not result in any impacts that could contribute in a considerable manner to any other cumulative impacts. Therefore, 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 101 in the project area is not a designated scenic highway by the California Department of Transportation. In addition, the proposed roof replacement would be similar in appearance to the existing roof and not be visible from the highway. Therefore, it would not affect any scenic resources, including scenic highways.
- **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 site¹.
- **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 beyond replacing the roofing materials and rooftop HVAC equipment. 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 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/profile_report.asp?global_id=49000003, accessed December 3, 2025