

RESOLUTION NO. #10.NOV.2020-2021
OF
WEST SONOMA COUNTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
DETERMINING THE SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION PROJECT IS
CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY ACT AND DECIDING TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the West Sonoma County Union High School District (“District”) has developed the School Consolidation Project (“Project”); and,

WHEREAS, the Project is located within the existing school grounds of Analy High School, located at 6950 Analy Avenue, Sebastopol, CA 95472; El Molino High School, located at 7050 Covey Road, Forestville, CA 95436; and Laguna High School, located at 445 Taft Street, Sebastopol, CA 95472; and,

WHEREAS, the Project consists of consolidating the students, faculty, and staff of El Molino High School to Analy High School and Laguna High School, and transfer of Laguna High School students, faculty, and staff to the El Molino High School campus; and,

WHEREAS, categorical exemptions to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) are set forth in Article 19 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (“CEQA Guidelines”); and,

WHEREAS, the Class 14 Categorical Exemption, set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15314, exempts a project that consists of minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the additions do not increase original student capacity by more than twenty-five percent (25%) or ten (10) classrooms, whichever is less; and,

WHEREAS, the Project is minor additions to the three schools because the only additions are students, faculty, and staff; and,

WHEREAS, there is an original student capacity of 1,639 students at Analy High School, 1,193 students at El Molino High School, and 214 students at Laguna High School; and,

WHEREAS, there exists 1,154 students at Analy High School, 553 students at El Molino High School, and 88 students at Laguna High School; and,

WHEREAS, there is an available capacity of 485 students at Analy High School, 640 students at El Molino High School, and 126 students at Laguna High School; and,

WHEREAS, the Project consolidates the 553 students from El Molino High School to Analy High School and Laguna High School that have a combined available capacity for 699 students (=485+214); and,

WHEREAS, the Project transfers the 88 students from Laguna High School to the vacated El Molino High School campus; and,

WHEREAS, the Project's consolidation and transfer are fully accommodated within the original and available capacities of the three schools; and,

WHEREAS, the Project's minor additions to the three existing schools will not increase these schools' student capacities, and no new classrooms or support facilities are needed; and,

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2(c) provides that if unusual circumstances exist, an otherwise categorically exempt project could be disqualified from being exempt if the project could cause a significant environmental impact; and,

WHEREAS, the District is unaware of any unusual circumstances that would negate the use of the Class 14 Categorical Exemption for this Project; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and sufficient cause, based on the entire record of proceedings, the Governing Board of the West Sonoma County Union High School District hereby finds, determines, declares, orders, and resolves as follows:

Section 1. That the above recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. The Project meets the definition of the Class 14 Categorical Exemption. (CEQA Guidelines, § 15314.)

Section 3. There is no indication of unusual circumstances that would except the Class 14 Categorical Exemption.

Section 4. The Project is categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA.

Section 5. The applicable requirements of CEQA have been fulfilled for the Project.

Section 6. The Board hereby finally approves and decides to carry out the Project.

Section 7. That the District's Superintendent, or her designee, is authorized and directed to file the attached Notice of Exemption for the Project with the Sonoma County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse.

This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of November 2020, by the Governing Board of the West Sonoma County Union High School District of Sonoma County, California, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

CERTIFICATION

I, Ted Walker, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the West Sonoma County Union High School District, Sonoma County, State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly approved and adopted by the Board of Education of said district at a meeting thereof held on the 30th day of November 2020, with a copy of the Resolution being on file in the Administrative Office of the District.

Clerk, Board of Trustees of the West
Sonoma County Union High School
District