

## Ravenswood City School District

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### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** Ravenswood City School District  
2120 Euclid Avenue  
East Palo Alto, CA 94303

**Project Title:** Costano Elementary School Kindergarten Playground

**Project Location – Address:** 2695 Fordham Street

**Project Location – City:** East Palo Alto

**Project Location – County:** San Mateo

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Ravenswood City School District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Ravenswood City School District

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Gina Sudaria

**Phone Number:** (650) 329-2800

**Description of Project:** The project proposes to construct a kindergarten playground on the Costano Elementary School campus. The playground would be constructed along the eastern campus boundary, between the existing school parking lot to the north and school athletic field to the south. The playground would include typical playground features (e.g., play structures, benches, tables, and asphalt and turf play areas). All site improvements would occur within the boundaries of the existing Costano Elementary School campus. A portion of the proposed playground is within San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) Hetch Hetchy right-of-way. Therefore, the project requires an encroachment permit from the SFPUC.

**Exempt Status:** One or more of the following Categorical Exemptions are applicable to the proposed kindergarten playground on the Costano Elementary School campus:

*Class 1* - Section 15301. Existing Facilities: Operation, repair, maintenance or minor alterations to existing public and private facilities involving no or negligible expansion of existing or former use.

*Class 2* - Section 15302. Replacement or Reconstruction: Replacement or reconstruction of structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site for substantially the same purpose.

*Class 3* - Section 15303. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures: Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of small structures from one use to another where only small modifications are made to the exterior of the structure.

*Class 4* - Section 15304. Minor Alterations to Land: Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

*Class 11* - Section 15311. Accessory Structures: Construction or replacement of minor structures accessory to existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities.

*Class 14* - Section 15314. Minor Additions to Schools: Class 14 consists of minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25 percent or ten classrooms, whichever is less.

*Class 30* - Section 15330. Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate, or Eliminate the Release or Threat of Release or Hazardous Waste or Hazardous Substances: Any minor cleanup actions taken to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate, or eliminate the release of hazardous waste or substances which are small or medium removal actions costing \$1 million or less.

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** The proposed project would construct a kindergarten playground on the Costano Elementary School campus to serve existing and future students. The project would not result in a change or expansion of use at Costano Elementary School.

Per section 15300.2 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, it has been determined that the project would not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern, result in a significant impact due to unusual circumstances, damage scenic resources, affect a historic resource, or result in a cumulative impact and is not located on a hazardous waste site. For these reasons and those stated above, the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.



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**Lead Agency Representative:** Gina Sudaria, Interim Superintendent

**Date:** November 14, 2019

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