

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency)

Golden Plains Unified School District
22000 Nevada Street
San Joaquin, CA 93660.

County Clerk
County of Fresno
2220 Tulare Street, 1st Floor
Fresno, CA 93721

Lighting Retrofit Project

Project Title

- » District office, 22000 Nevada Street, San Joaquin, CA 93660.
- » San Joaquin Elementary, 8535 S. 9th Street, San Joaquin, CA 93660.
- » Cantua Elementary, 29288 W. Clarkson Avenue, Cantua Creek, CA 93608.
- » Tranquility Elementary, 6116 S. Daniels Avenue, Tranquillity, CA 93668.
- » Tranquility High School, 6052 Juanche Street, Tranquillity, CA 93668.
- » Helm Elementary School, 13883 Lassen Avenue, Helm, CA 93627.

Project Location - Specific

San Joaquin, Cantua Creek, Helm and Tranquillity Fresno

Project Location – City

Project Location – County

The project consists of replacement of light bulbs and retrofit of lighting fixtures and lamps from existing high pressure sodium, metal halide, halogen, compact fluorescent (CFL), fluorescent linear tubes and incandescent to high-performance low-energy Light Emitting Diode (LED) lighting. Lighting would be upgraded in the following District-owned locations: District office--4 exterior and 69 interior fixtures; San Joaquin Elementary--70 exterior and 733 interior fixtures; Cantua Elementary--1 exterior and 483 interior fixtures; Tranquility Elementary--22 exterior and 426 interior fixtures; Tranquility High School--180 exterior and 1,304 interior fixtures; Helm Elementary--1 exterior and 106 interior fixtures. At the six facilities the exterior lumens would either be similar or reduced and would not significantly change the existing light conditions. Upgrades to interior lights would not change outside light conditions. Beneficiaries of the project include the District with reduced energy costs, and school staff and students because of the campus upgrades would improve the learning environment and nighttime safety.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Golden Plains Unified School District

Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Golden Plains Unified School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

Categorical Exemption

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. State type and section number: 14 CCR §15301. Class 1, Existing Facilities.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Class 1, CEQA Guidelines 15301, Existing Facilities. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

The project consists of repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public structures and electrical equipment related to the replacement of light bulbs and retrofit of lighting fixtures and lamps at 5 schools and the District office. The project would not result in the expansion of existing or former uses. The project qualifies under the criteria for an exemption under CEQA Guidelines § 15301. A brief review of the possible exceptions to the exemption, as outlined under CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2, determined that no characteristics or circumstances would invalidate findings that the project is exempt from CEQA.

Reasons why project is exempt

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Lead Agency Contact Person

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If filed by applicant:

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



Chief Business Officer

8/14/20

Signature

Title

Date

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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