



SUNNYVALE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Sunnyvale School District
825 West Iowa Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Project Title: Ellis Elementary School Improvements

Project Location: Ellis Elementary School, 550 East Olive Avenue

Project Location – City: Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Project Location – County: Santa Clara County

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sunnyvale School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sunnyvale School District

Lead Agency Contact Person: Rob Smiley

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Description of Project: The Sunnyvale School District proposes to upgrade and reconstruct the developed portion of the Ellis Elementary School campus. The project would not increase the student capacity of the campus and the turf fields located at the southeastern corner of campus would remain unchanged. All proposed improvements would be located within the existing elementary school campus boundary.

Specifically, the project would demolish all or a portion of 19 existing campus buildings and construct a new two-story classroom building, multi-use building, modular kindergarten building, and modular daycare building. The project would also modernize five existing buildings, construct three new parking/drive-through student drop-off areas, a bus drop-off zone, two new lunch shelters, a new amphitheater/open space area, and various exterior site improvements. The project will not increase the number of classrooms on campus or enrollment capacity.

Exempt Status: One or more of the following Categorical Exemptions are applicable to the proposed project:

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 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: Minor additions to schools within school grounds where the addition does not increase student capacity by more than 25 percent or ten classrooms.

Class 30 - Section 15330. Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate, or Eliminate the Release or Threat of Release of 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 not introduce a new use onto the campus or result in an enrollment increase. Per section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, it has been determined the project is not located on a hazardous waste site and the project would not affect environmental resources 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. For these reasons, the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

Lead Agency Representative: Rob Smiley, Chief Operations Officer

Date: May 6, 2021