

Notice of Exemption

EXHIBIT A

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Monterey
168 West Alisal Street
Salinas, CA 93905

From: (Public Agency): _____
Alisal Union School District
155 Bardin Road, Salinas, CA 93905

(Address)

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Project Title: Oscar Loya Elementary New Kindergarten Classrooms

Project Applicant: Alisal Union School District

Project Location - Specific:

East side of Oscar Loya Elementary School campus, 1505 Cougar Drive, Salinas, CA 93905

Project Location - City: Salinas Project Location - County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Please see attached.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Alisal Union School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Alisal Union 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: 15314 Minor Additions to Schools
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Please see attached.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Rais Abbasi Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (831) 753-5700

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: *[Signature]* Date: 5/23/22 Title: Associate Superintendent

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Attachment to Notice of Exemption for Oscar Loya Elementary New Kindergarten Classrooms

The project consists of the construction and operation of a new 4,800 square-foot, single-story kindergarten classroom building on the eastern portion of the Dr. Oscar F. Loya Elementary School campus, which would include three kindergarten classrooms. The project would also include an artificial turf playground area with play structure, an asphalt play area, and a 30 foot by 20 foot shade structure. The three portable classrooms that are located where the new improvements are planned would be relocated to the west of the remaining portable classrooms.

The proposed kindergarten classrooms and related improvements are exempt under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15314 (Minor Additions to Schools). The project will add three permanent classrooms to the school. Section 15314 indicates that to qualify as a minor addition to a school, the addition cannot exceed ten classrooms or increase original student capacity by more than 25%, whichever is less. Based on the state loading standard of 25 per classroom for elementary school students, the three additional classrooms would add capacity for 75 students. The capacity of Oscar Loya Elementary School is determined by its 31 permanent classrooms, which by using the state loading standard of 25 per classroom, is 775. The addition of capacity for 75 students represents a capacity increase of 9.7% compared to the permanent capacity of the elementary school, well under the 25% threshold.

The project does not meet any of the exemption exceptions specified in Section 15300.2 in that there is no appreciable cumulative impact associated with the project; the project would not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; the project will not result in damage to scenic resources; the project is not located on a hazardous waste site; and the project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.