

Notice of Exemption

PROJECT APPLICANT/LEAD AGENCY

To: Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder
County Clerk-Recorder's Office
555 Escobar Street
Martinez, CA 94553

From: Martinez Unified School District
921 Susana Street
Martinez, CA 94553

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Office of Planning and Research
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Project Title: Morello Park Elementary School Renovation Project

Project Location - Specific: Morello Park Elementary School
1200 Morello Park Drive, Martinez, CA 94553

By 
Deputy clerk

Project Location - City: Martinez

Project Location - County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed Morello Park Elementary School Renovation Project ("Project") involves the construction of two kindergarten classrooms with a shared play area, expansion of the existing administration building, as well as the addition of a new kitchen building adjacent, and connected, to the existing multipurpose room. The expanded administration building will create a single point of entry to the campus which will allow the administration to effectively control access to the campus. The Project also includes the installation of perimeter site fencing and fencing that will separate the playfields from the campus and the Parking areas. Such fencing is required to enclose and secure the campus. The multipurpose room and library will also be modernized as part of the Project. The library will be renovated in order to expand the computer lab to make it a multi-use space. General classroom modernizations include new blinds, window coverings, carpeting and interior wall surfaces. In order to maintain all facilities in proper working condition, the exteriors of the buildings will be painted as needed and required roof restorations and replacement will be completed in order to extend the life and warranty of the roofing. The site work for the Project includes the reconfiguration of a portion of one of the grass playing fields into a new staff parking lot with sixty (60) parking spaces and the construction of a new circulation/drop-off loop. Additionally, the Woodbridge Day Care program will be relocated to the southeast side of the campus. The Project will also include upgrades, extensions, relocation, and/or replacement of existing utilities and other utility work, as necessary, including electrical, mechanical, water, sewer, telecommunication, and/or other utilities; and other improvements appurtenant thereto. Site demolition, earthwork, minor grading, asphalt and site work will occur in preparation of the site for installation of the new buildings. Site lighting, site furnishings, and landscaping are also included in the Project.

Construction is anticipated to commence in the Spring of 2023 with an expected Summer of 2024 completion date. This Project would benefit the District staff, students, and local community.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Martinez Unified School District

Name of Agency Carrying Out Project: Martinez Unified 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: **Class 1: Sec. 15301; Class 2: Sec. 15302; Class 3: Sec. 15303; Class 14: Sec. 15314**
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- Other. Common Sense Exemption: **Sec. 15061(b)(3)**

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt:

Class 1 (Sec. 15301): The proposed project includes the minor alteration, i.e., relocation, of existing structures on the existing campus, and involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Class 2 (Sec. 15302): The proposed project includes the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures. Class 3 (Sec. 15303): The proposed project includes new, small facilities or structures, the conversion of existing small structures, and utility extensions and accessory structures. Class 14 (Sec.

15314): The proposed project would be located within the existing Morello Park Elementary School campus, a developed property within the City of Martinez, and will not increase original student capacity by more than 10 classrooms or 25 percent. Common Sense Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3)): It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project involves any activity that may have a significant effect on the environment. District will be improving an already developed property, with low increased capacity.

Lead Agency


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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:  Date: 6.28.22 Title: Interim Superintendent

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant