

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk
County of: Fresno
2220 Tulare Street
Fresno, CA 93721

From: (Public Agency): Clovis Unified School District
1450 Herndon Avenue, Clovis, CA 93611
(Address)

Project Title: Clovis West Athletic Field Lighting Replacement Project

Project Applicant: Clovis Unified School District

Project Location - Specific:

Southeast corner of Clovis West High School campus, 1070 E. Teague Avenue, Fresno, CA 93720

Project Location - City: Fresno Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Please see attachment.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Clovis Unified School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Clovis 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: 15302. Replacement or Reconstruction
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt

Please see attachment.

Lead Agency Denver Stairs (559) 327-9265
Contact Person: Area Code/Telephone/Extension:

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: 10/6/2022 Title: Assistant 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 Clovis West Athletic Field Lighting Replacement Project**

Clovis Unified School District (“District”) is the lead agency and project applicant for the proposed Clovis West Athletic Field Lighting Replacement Project (“Project”). The project site is the existing football/track field at the Clovis West High School campus, located at 1070 E. Teague Avenue, near the northeast corner of Millbrook Avenue and Teague Avenue in the City of Fresno. The football/track field is located at the southeast corner of the campus, encompassing an area of approximately 5.75 acres. The field is used by the school for its football, soccer, marching band, and track and field activities. The site includes a grass-turfed athletic field along with a rubberized running track, areas for track and field events, aluminum bleacher seating, and areas landscaped with grass and trees.

The site currently has field lights on four 30-foot-tall poles. The Project includes the removal of the existing field lights and poles and replacing them with four new 80-foot-tall poles with LED lighting equipment. The replacement poles and equipment would be installed at similar locations as the existing lighting outside the perimeter of the running track (two on the north side of the track/field, and two on the south side of the track/field). The two poles on the north side would be equipped with nine total pieces of lighting equipment (two mounted at 15.5 feet and seven mounted at 80 feet). The two poles on the south side would be equipped with ten total pieces of lighting equipment (two mounted at 15.5 feet, one mounted at 60 feet, and seven mounted at 80 feet). The project’s state-of-the-art LED lighting is designed to be extremely focused and directional such that there is little or no light trespass beyond the school property.

The proposed project will improve lighting conditions on the site for after-school programs and extracurricular activities that need to occur later in the day due to state-mandated later school-day start times for middle schools and high schools required by Senate Bill (SB) 328. The District will operate the lights as needed to accommodate activities occurring on the site and will cease lighting operations as soon as possible. The use of the lighting will in no event extend past 10:00 pm, and in most instances, the activities will cease substantially before 10:00 pm.

The Project meets the criteria for categorical exemption from CEQA set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (Class 2 – Replacement or Reconstruction). The Class 2 exemption consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. For this Project, replacement lighting facilities would be constructed on the same site as the existing lighting facilities at the Clovis West campus, and the replacement lighting facilities will have the same purpose as the existing facilities of providing athletic lighting for the health, safety, and well-being of users of the athletic facilities during low-light conditions. Based on the technical lighting documentation for the proposed lighting facilities (which includes computer-generated projections of illumination levels at the site and adjacent areas), the project would not result in significant light trespass or glare at any adjacent property.

Additionally, the Project would not result in any of the exemption exceptions identified in Section 15300.2. Based on the Project’s nature, location, and existing conditions, there is no appreciable cumulative impact associated with the Project, nor would the Project have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. The Project is not in a location where it would result in damage to scenic resources within a state scenic highway; located on a hazardous waste site; or cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.