



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: Vargas Elementary School Improvements

Project Location: Vargas Elementary School, 1054 Carson Drive

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: Brandt Burns

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Description of Project: The Sunnyvale School District (SSD) proposes to replace the rooftops and all of the existing rooftop heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) units on two buildings at the Vargas Elementary campus. The rooftops would be replaced in-kind and the HVAC units would be replaced with interior electric heat pump units. The SSD also proposes to install a digital marquee in the northwest corner of the campus and paint the campus exterior.

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 a public facility 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 do 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 including on-premises signs.

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 or Hazardous Waste or Hazardous Substances: Any minor cleanup actions taken to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate, or eliminate the release of hazardous waste or substances.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The proposed improvements to Vargas Elementary School 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.

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Brandt Burns, Director of Facilities and Operations

Date: March 15, 2023