

## Notice of Exemption

**To:** County Clerk  
County of Placer  
2954 Richardson Blvd.  
Auburn, CA 95604-5228

Office of Planning and Research  
1400 10th Street  
Sacramento CA, 95814  
Via CEQASubmit/CEQAnet

**From:** Placer Union High School District  
13000 New Airport Road  
Auburn, CA 95603  
Attn: Jeff Patton  
(530) 308-7461

**Project Title:** Placer High School Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project

**Project Location - Specific:** Placer High School  
275 Orange St., Auburn, CA 95603

**Project Location - City:** Auburn

**Project Location - County:** Placer

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** This Project consists of improvement work at the existing on-campus parking lot on the corner of Finley and Orange Streets and includes pavement overlay, reconfiguration of parking spaces to improve space management (and possibly the addition of parking spaces), replacement landscaping, utility extensions, signage, and related site work. Furthermore, the Project includes the addition of new parking lot lights to supplement the existing lights. The Project also includes the removal of some small trees that are located in the existing parking lot islands. The improvements are anticipated to commence in the Summer of 2023. This Project would benefit District staff, students, and the local community.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Placer Union High School District

**Name of Agency Carrying Out Project:** Placer Union High School District

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- 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 11: Sec. 15311; and Class 14: Sec. 15314;
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Pub. Res. Code, Sec. 21080.35;
- Other. Common Sense Exemption: Sec. 15061(b)(3)

**Reasons Why Project Is Exempt:** Class 1: Operation, repair, maintenance, or minor exterior alterations to existing public structures, facilities, or topographical features involving no or negligible expansion of use in that the project consists of the refurbishment of the existing parking lot and related improvements, and will result in no or negligible expansion of use. Class 2: Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities (i.e., the existing parking lot) 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. Class 11: The Project consists of the construction of minor structures accessory to the existing facilities. Class 14: Minor additions to an existing school site where the addition does not increase original student capacity nor add classrooms. Common Sense Exemption: 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 no increased capacity.

**District Contact Person:** Jeff Patton, Director of Maintenance, Operations & Facilities  
Telephone: (530) 308-7461

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE PLACER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PLACER COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**Resolution No.     25:22-23**

**In the Matter of:     RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PLACER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT: (1) FINDING THE PROPOSED PLACER HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT REHABILITATION PROJECT TO BE EXEMPT UNDER CEQA AND ADOPTING CATEGORICAL EXEMPTIONS; (2) APPROVING THE PROJECT; AND (3) AUTHORIZING FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION UPON PROJECT APPROVAL**

**WHEREAS**, Placer Union High School District (the “District”), proposes to undertake the Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project at Placer High School (located at 275 Orange St., Auburn, CA 95603), (the “Project”) as further described below; and

**WHEREAS**, as more specifically described in the attached Notice of Exemption (“NOE”, attached hereto at Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference), the proposed Project consists of improvement work at the existing on-campus parking lot on the corner of Finley and Orange Streets and includes pavement overlay, reconfiguration of parking spaces to improve space management (and possibly the addition of parking spaces), replacement landscaping, utility extensions, signage, and related site work. Furthermore, the project includes the addition of new parking lot lights to supplement the existing lights. The Project also includes the removal of some small trees that are located in the existing parking lot islands, associated equipment, sitework, utilities, and other improvements appurtenant thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the District must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) for the proposed Project, unless the Project is exempt from CEQA; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, categorically exempts certain projects, including projects consisting of:

- Class 1 – operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use (§ 15301);
- Class 2 – 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 (§ 15302);
- Class 11 – construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities (§ 15311); and
- Class 14 – minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25 percent or ten classrooms, whichever is less (§ 15314); and

**WHEREAS**, CEQA Guidelines, section 15061(b)(3), exempts certain projects under the common sense exemption where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the record, as further explained below, the proposed Project meets the criteria for, and thus is exempt from CEQA under the respective exemption(s), as set forth in the table below:

<b>Proposed Project</b>	<b>Applicable Exemptions</b>
Placer High School Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project	CatEx: Class 1, Class 2, Class 11, & Class 14; Other: Sec. 15061(b)(3)

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Project meets the criteria for, and thus is categorically exempt from CEQA, under each respective categorical exemption Class set forth in the table above; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, based on record evidence, the proposed Project is exempt from CEQA under the common sense exemption as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities in question may have a significant effect on the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEQA Guidelines also set forth exceptions to the categorical exemptions (§ 15300.2); and

**WHEREAS**, based on the record, the Project is not subject to any of the exceptions to categorical exemptions, including, without limitation, because:

- The Project is located on an existing operating parking lot on a developed school site and is not located in or near a uniquely sensitive environment nor would the Project impact a designated environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern;
- There are no other projects of the same type in the same place as the Project that would result in cumulative impacts;
- There is no indication of unusual circumstances that would cause a significant environmental impact related to the Project;
- The Project is not located in the vicinity of a state scenic highway, and would not result in damage to scenic resources because the Project would be located on an existing developed school site and does not result in damage to any existing scenic or natural resources, does not result in an encroachment of any incompatible land use, does not detract from scenic views or scenic quality, and includes proper siting, landscaping, and/or screening, where applicable;
- The Project is not located on a hazardous waste site; and
- The Project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Trustees of Placer Union High School District hereby finds, determines, declares, orders, and resolves as follows:

1. That the foregoing recitals are true and correct, and incorporated herein.
2. That the Project meets the criteria for, and thus is exempt from CEQA under, the common sense exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, section 15061(b)(3). Based on record evidence, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities in question may have a significant effect on the environment.
3. That the Placer High School Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project meets the criteria for, and thus is categorically exempt from CEQA under, Class 1, Class 2, Class 11, and Class 14.
4. That none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions apply to the Project.

5. That all applicable CEQA requirements have been fulfilled for the Project.
6. That the exemptions from CEQA set forth herein respective to the Project are hereby adopted.
7. That all actions required to be taken by applicable law related to the approval of the Project have been taken. Therefore, the Board hereby approves the Placer High School Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project as more specifically identified in the attached NOE. This action constitutes an "approval" as defined under section 15352(a) of the CEQA Guidelines for the Project.
8. That the following NOE, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", is approved and incorporated herein by reference: Notice of Exemption for Placer High School Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project.
9. That District staff is hereby authorized and directed to file and post the attached NOE for the Project, consistent with this Resolution, with all appropriate public agencies or entities.
10. That the District's Superintendent and/or designee is hereby authorized to take all further action necessary to otherwise carry out, give effect to, and comply with the terms and intent of this Resolution.

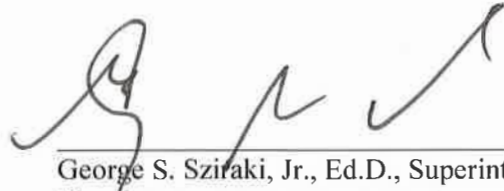
**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS** 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Placer Union High School District.

Member	AYES	NOES	ABSENT	ABSTENTIONS
Brannam	X			
Jeffreys	X			
Oates	X			
Spaid	X			
Underwood	X			
<b>STUDENT BOARD</b>				
M. Earp	X			
J. Everett	X			

Attest:



Ron Oates, President  
PUHSD Board of Trustees



George S. Sziraki, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent  
Placer Union High School District

**APPROVED**  
 by the PUHSD Board of Trustees  
 on 3/21/23  
 Certified by D. Atkins, Exec. Asst. to Supt.