

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: (Public Agency): Manteca Unified School District  
2271 W. Louise Avenue  
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County of: San Joaquin  
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East Union High School Improvement Project  
Project Title

1700 Union Road (APN 216-12-001)  
Project Location - Specific

Manteca  
Project Location - City

San Joaquin  
Project Location - County

The Manteca High School District (District) proposes to construct a 2-story, 28-classroom with a media center building (approx. 30,000 square feet [sf]) on the western grass area and a gym (approximately 15,100 sf) and a weight room (3,000 sf) on the hardcourts. The proposed project also includes regrading, repaving, and restriping the existing north parking lot. Once the new buildings are constructed, the 28 portable classrooms throughout the campus would be removed. Therefore, the proposed project would not increase the current student capacity at the high school campus.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Manteca Unified School District  
Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Aaron Bowers, Director II of Facilities and Operations, Manteca Unified School District  
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

**Exempt Status:** (check one below)

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: 14 CCR §15301 Class 1, Existing Facilities; §15302 Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction, §15303 Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, CEQA Guidelines § 15304 Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land, and §15314 Class 14, Minor Additions to Schools

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

The proposed project is exempt from further environmental documentation under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21000 et seq.), categorical exemptions Classes 1, 2, 3, 11, and 14.

**Class 1, Existing Facilities (CEQA Guidelines § 15301).** The proposed project includes grading, repaving, and restriping of the existing north parking lot. The proposed parking lot improvement would occur within the existing boundaries of the parking lot and would not expand the existing use or capacity. Therefore, the proposed project meets the criteria for an exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.

**Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (CEQA Guidelines § 15302):** The proposed project includes grading, repaving, and restriping of the existing north parking lot. The proposed parking lot improvement would occur within the existing parking lot boundaries, would be a reconstruction of existing parking facilities on the same site, and would have the same purpose and substantially the same capacity as the facility replaced. Therefore, the proposed project meets the criteria for an exemption under CEQA Guidelines § 15302.

**Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (CEQA Guidelines § 15303):** The proposed project would construct a total of 48,100 sf of new building area that would require installation of water, sewer, electrical, gas, and other utility connections and extensions in the campus. The project site is already being served by wet and dry utilities, and new buildings would be constructed with water-conserving and energy-efficient systems in compliance with the 2022 Building Energy Efficiency Standards and the Green Building Standards Code. The proposed project would serve the existing high school without increasing the existing student capacity. Therefore, the proposed project meets the criteria for an exemption under CEQA Guidelines § 15303.

**Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land (CEQA Guidelines § 15304):** The proposed project would require minor alterations to land due to removal of landscaping and trees to construct a two-story classroom and media center building. The proposed project would also require grading and minor trenching and backfilling to install utility systems, then the surface would be restored. The proposed changes to the condition of land and vegetation would not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, and the area to be disturbed is generally level with a slope of less than 10 percent. Therefore, the proposed project meets the criteria for an exemption under CEQA Guidelines § 15304.

**Class 14, Minor Additions to Schools (CEQA Guidelines § 15314):** The proposed project would construct a 28-classroom building with a media center, a new auxiliary gym, and a weight room building. Once the buildings are constructed, 28 portable classrooms would be removed from the campus. Therefore, there would be no increase in the original student capacity of the high school. The new auxiliary gym and weight room building would serve the existing school program and would not impact the existing school capacity. Therefore, the proposed project would meet the criteria for an exemption under CEQA Guidelines § 15314.

Reasons why project is exempt

Aaron Bowers, Director II of Facilities and Operations


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Lead Agency 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:  Date: 3/31/23 Title: DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES/operations

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant