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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerk
County of Sonoma
585 Fiscal Dr., Rm. 103F
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

From: Sonoma County Jr. College District
1501 Mendocino Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Project Title: SRJC Southwest Center Renovation Project

Project Location – Specific: Southwest Center Campus, 950 S. Wright Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95407

Project Location – County: Sonoma

Description of Project: The Sonoma County Junior College District (SCJCD) is proposing to improve the existing Southwest Center Campus located at 950 S. Wright Road in the City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California. The Southwest Center provides academic skills and student support services for a diverse population, including career development and college preparation courses. The Project parcel (APN is 035-093-043) is 9.5 acres in size and includes several different school buildings, including SRJC's Heritage Hall, an active preschool facility, older vacant school buildings, sports field, parking lots, and other accessory school structures. The site is located on the east side of S. Wright Road between Sebastopol Road to the north and Lancaster Avenue to the South.

SCJCD is proposing removal of eight older vacant school buildings due to their poor condition, as well as renovation of Heritage Hall to Division of State Architect standards, relocation of portable classroom buildings from the Santa Rosa Campus to expand instructional offerings, relocation and renovation of onsite portable classrooms buildings, a new restroom building, new open space and landscape elements, a potential new Welcome Center and courtyard, accessible paths of travel to connect the campus facilities, additional parking spaces and upgrades to lighting, infrastructure upgrades, and other small accessory improvements. The Project would result in demolition of approximately 33,000 gross square feet (gsf) of existing building space and construction/renovation of approximately 20,409 gsf of space (this includes the renovation of the existing Heritage Hall). The Project will result in the addition of approximately six (6) new classrooms at the Southwest Center, increasing the total from 11 to 17 upon build-out. The Project will be completed in two phases. The initial phase of construction is anticipated to be completed between April and August of 2023, and the subsequent phase of construction is anticipated to be completed between April and August 2025. Safeguards will be provided for protection of personnel and the public during demolition and construction activities. Prior to demolition, buildings to be removed will be surveyed for the presence of hazardous materials, which will be separated, stored, and disposed of according to local, state, and Federal regulations. The construction contractor will be required to implement air quality controls and noise controls during construction.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sonoma County Junior College District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sonoma County Junior College District

Exempt Status: 14 CCR 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities); 14 CCR 15302 (Class 2 – Replacement or Reconstruction); 14 CCR 15303 (Class 3 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); 14 CCR 15311 (Class 11 – Accessory Structures); 14 CCR 15314 (Class 14 – Minor Additions to Schools)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, 15302, 15303, 15311, and 15314 because the project is consistent with exempt classes of projects and involves alterations and reconstruction of existing structures as well as minor additions to an existing school within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms. Environmental review did not identify any significant effects that would occur from the project, and the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines were found not to apply to the project.

Lead Agency

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