

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Yosemite Unified School District Photovoltaic Installations

Project Locations: Rivergold Elementary School, 31800 Rd. 400, Coarsegold, CA 93614
Yosemite High School, NW Campus, 50200 High School Rd., Oakhurst, CA 93644
Coarsegold Elementary School, 45426 Road 415, Coarsegold, CA 93614

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries: See attached project description.

Public Agency Approving Project: Yosemite Unified School District

Name of Agency Carrying Out Project: Yosemite Unified School District

This is to advise that the Yosemite Unified School District has approved the above-described project on February 13, 2023, and has made the determination that the project is exempt due to the following:

Exempt Status (check one):

- Ministerial (§ 21080 (b) (1); § 15268)
 Declared Emergency (§ 21080 (b) (3); § 15269(a))
 Emergency Project (§ 21080(B) (4); § 15269(b) (c))
 Categorical Exemption(s): Class 2: (§ 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); Class 11 (§ 15311, Accessory Structures); Class 14: (§ 15314, Minor Additions to Schools)
 Statutory Exemption (§ _____)

Reason(s) why project is exempt: The project will construct photovoltaic (pV) arrays, appurtenant electrical equipment, HVAC thermostats, and EV charging stations on existing parking lots or previously graded and leveled areas. No excavation is proposed. These structures are consistent with the "small structures" and "accessory structures" listed in the CEQA Guidelines § 15303 and § 15311 because they are supplementary to existing school buildings and facilities and do not exceed those facilities in height or area. No exceptions per CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 apply.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Charlotte Wilson, Chief Business Official, Yosemite USD

Signature: _____

Charlotte Wilson

Date: _____

6-12-23

Project Description:

The project includes the design and construction of canopy-mounted or ground-mounted solar photovoltaic arrays and appurtenant electrical equipment similar to those seen on many school facilities. Network thermostats would be installed to control existing HVAC equipment at the schools. Electric vehicle (EV) charging stations would also be installed. Figures 1 and 2 below show schematic views of the proposed photovoltaic structures. Figures 3, 4, and 5 show the Rivergold Elementary School, Yosemite High School, and Coarsegold Elementary School locations. Schematic plans of the installations may be reviewed at the Yosemite USD offices at 50200 Road 427, Oakhurst, CA 93644, during normal business hours.

The project does not expand the schools' capacities, require new right-of-way, and does not involve landscaping activities that use known invasive plant species. All work would take place on Yosemite USD property.

Setting: All projects are located on existing school facilities. No natural habitat would be disturbed.

Beneficiaries: The school district and taxpayers will benefit from reduced energy costs.

