

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: City of Scotts Valley

1 Civic Center Drive

Scotts Valley, CA 95066

County Clerk
County of Santa Cruz

701 Ocean Street, Room 520

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Vine Hill Elementary School Portable Acquisition

Project Title

151 Vine Hill School Rd

Project Location - Specific

Scotts Valley

Project Location - City

Santa Cruz

Project Location - County

The City of Scotts Valley proposes to acquire two portable classroom buildings, located at Vine Hill Elementary School, which Scotts Valley Unified School District currently leases. Subsequent to acquisition of the portable classrooms, the City will transfer ownership of the two portable classroom buildings to the Scotts Valley Unified School District. The classrooms are already on campus and in use and no physical changes will occur. The proposed project will benefit the district, students, and staff by improving the educational environment.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

City of Scotts Valley

Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Stephanie Hill, Administrative Services Director, City of Scotts Valley

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));

General Rule (Sec. 15061(b)(3)); Common Sense Exemption

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

The California Environmental Quality Act (Section 21000, et. seq. of the California Public Resources Code, hereafter CEQA) requires analysis of agency approvals of discretionary "projects." A "project," under CEQA, is defined as "the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment." The acquisition of two portable classroom buildings at Vine Hill Elementary School by a public agency is a project as defined by CEQA. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), an activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The activity is not subject to CEQA 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.

The City of Scotts Valley proposes to acquire two portable classroom buildings, located at Vine Hill Elementary School, which Scotts Valley Unified School District currently leases. The classrooms are already on campus and in use and no physical changes will occur. There would be no change in student enrollment as the portables are currently being used by the campus. Therefore, the proposed project would not have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment. Since it can be seen with certainty that the proposed project would not cause a significant effect on the environment, the proposed project is not subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

Reasons why project is exempt

Stephanie Hill

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Contact Person:

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption findings
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project Yes No

Date

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11/15/23

Signature:



Title: Administrative Services Director