

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk
County of: Kings
1400 W. Lacey Boulevard
Hanford, CA 93230

From: (Public Agency): Central Union Elementary School District
15783 18th Avenue
Lemoore, CA 93245
(Address)

Project Title: Neutra Elementary School Improvement Project

Project Applicant: Central Union Elementary School District (District)

Project Location - Specific:
Community Center Dr #967, NAS Lemoore, betwn Ticonderoga Ave & Franklin Ave

Project Location - City: NAS Lemoore Project Location - County: Kings

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The District proposes to upgrade the existing Neutra Elementary School. The full project description can be found on page 2 of this document.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Central Union School Distri

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Thomas Addington, MA, Superintendent

- Exempt Status: (check one):
Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1 §15301(a) and (c) and Class 14 §15314
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
The use of upgrades LED lighting and new HVAC equipment will reduce operational electricity demand at the school. The use of PV solar panels will generate electricity by renewable solar energy that will reduce the need for electrical energy generated by fossil fuel-driven power plants. This will decrease greenhouse gases emissions and improve the overall air quality in the City and the region. The new lighting and HVAC upgrades will provide increased energy efficiency and reduce energy consumption. The installation of this equipment on the existing school involves no expansion of the existing use. The solar panels will be constructed on the existing paved parking lot, and the new LED lights and HVAC will replace existing lighting and HVAC equipment. The new permanent classrooms will be more energy efficient and provide students and teachers an improved educational experience. The project will be located on the existing campus and there will be minimal environmental impacts.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Thomas Addington Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-925-2619

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: [Signature] Date: 3/13/2024 Title: Superintendent
Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.



PROJECT LOCATION

The Project is located at the existing Neutra Elementary School within the boundaries of Naval Air Station (NAS) Lemoore in Kings County. Neutra Elementary School is located at Community Center Drive Building #967, NAS Lemoore, CA, north of Community Center Drive, between Ticonderoga Avenue to the west and Franklin Avenue to the east.

The Project will be located the land directly south of the main campus buildings.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES

The District proposes to upgrade the existing elementary school. These improvements will consist of the following:

- Eight new permanent classrooms will replace the existing temporary portable units
- A new kitchen and multi-purpose building,
- Re-purposing of existing buildings for other uses
- Upgrading HVAC equipment
- Installation of solar panels on rooftops and/or as shade structures over existing parking lots.

The temporary portable units are located east of the main campus buildings and will be removed once construction of new classrooms is completed.

The use of upgraded LED lighting and new HVAC equipment will provide increased energy efficiency and reduce energy consumption. The installation of this equipment on the existing public facility involves no expansion of existing or former use. The solar panels will be constructed on the existing paved parking lot, and the new LED lights and HVAC will replace existing lighting and HVAC equipment. The Project will reduce electrical demand while offsetting electricity generated by power plants burning fossil fuels with renewable, clean solar energy. The project would benefit the school, the District, the community and the region by improving the overall air quality by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the carbon footprint of the school.

The new permanent classrooms, multipurpose room and kitchen will be more energy efficient, and provide an improved educational experience for students and staff.

The Project will not increase classroom or student capacity or expand outside of existing school site boundaries.