

# Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Kern

1115 Truxton Ave

Bakersfield CA 93301

From: (Public Agency): Panama-Buena Vista Union School District  
4200 Ashe Road

Bakersfield, CA 93313

(Address)

Project Title: Panama-Buena Vista Union School District Modernization Project

Project Applicant: Panama-Buena Vista Union School District

Project Location - Specific:

See Attachment A.

Project Location - City: Bakersfield

Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

See Attachment A.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Panama-Buena Vista Union School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Paul Johnson

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));

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1: §15301 (c) (e) & (f) and Class 14: §15314

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

Reasons why project is exempt:

Under Section 15301 (c) and (e), the project includes the repair, maintenance and upgrades to existing structures, facilities, and mechanical equipment, involving no significant expansion of the existing use. Solar panels will also be installed to help offset electrical demand at each school. New walkways will be added to improve accessibility and safety. Additionally, under Section 15314 the proposed project consists of minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds and will not increase the student population or the capacity of the schools by more than 25%. The proposed project will increase energy efficiency and reduce operational electricity demand at the schools. This will decrease greenhouse gas emissions and improve the overall air quality in the City and the region. The project will also increase accessibility and result in added amenities for the benefit of students and staff.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Paul Johnson

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 661-831-8331 ext. 6280

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: 4-19-24 Title: Director of Facilities

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachment A – Panama-Buena Vista Union School District Modernization Project

### Project Location:

1. Castle Elementary School-6001 Edgemont Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93309;
2. Actis Junior High School-2400 Westholme Blvd, Bakersfield, CA 93309;
3. Hart Elementary School-9501 Ridge Oak Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93311;
4. Sandrini Elementary School-4100 Alum Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93309;
5. Tevis JR High School-3901 Pin Oak Blvd., Bakersfield, CA, 93311

### Project Description:

The Panama-Buena Vista Union School District (District) Modernization Project (project) includes five schools located throughout Bakersfield, California: Hart, Sandrini, and Castle Elementary Schools, as well as Actis and Warren Junior High Schools. The purpose of the project is to upgrade the existing schools with several components that will make the school more energy efficient, reduce electrical demand, modernize existing facilities, offer improved amenities and create an atmosphere that will provide an enhanced learning and teaching experience. Beneficiaries of the project include the students, faculty and staff, the District, the community, and the region by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and lower emissions of criteria pollutants.

The proposed project includes the following actions:

*Castle Elementary:* Installation of three portable classroom units, and the removal of existing turf to accommodate the site improvements, and the installation of concrete paving to create an accessible path of travel. Solar panels will be installed as shade structures as well. The panels will generate renewable energy to offset the electrical demand of the school.

*Actis Junior High:* Remodel of the administrative building and select classroom buildings, exterior façade improvements to existing buildings, and installation of shade structures.

*Hart Elementary:* Removal and replacement of existing concrete walkways to improve accessibility, HVAC units, cabinetry and interior floor finishes, reconfiguration of existing accessible parking stalls and student restrooms to meet current ADA requirements, upgrade to the fire alarm system, removal and installation of portable classrooms, playset, and landscaping, and removal of existing tetherball poles and basketball backboards/poles that are located in the fire lane.

*Sandrini Elementary School:* Installation of concrete and asphalt paving to accommodate proposed portable classroom buildings. The new portable classroom will not increase the capacity of the school population by more than 25%. The project involves the installation of new fabric shade structures, landscaping, and a resilient playground surface. Solar panels will be installed over the existing parking area to provide shade, as well. The panels will generate renewable energy to offset the electrical demand of the school.

*Tevis JR High School:* Site accessibility improvements to walkways, ramps, parking, gates, and doors, new site entry and shade structures, replacement of HVAC and roofing, renovation of administration and conference buildings in the form of new ceilings, restroom renovations, finishes, doors, technology, fire alarm, mechanical reroute, and lighting, updated paths of travel to new portable classroom buildings, and lighting replacement, stage lighting, and lighting control upgrades to the multi-purpose building.