

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Carmel Unified School District
4380 Carmel Valley Road
Carmel, CA 93923

Monterey County Clerk
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Salinas, CA 93901

Project Title: Carmel Middle School Tennis Courts Expansion Project

Project Location - Specific: Carmel Middle School, 4380 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923

Project Location - City: N/A **Project Location - County:** Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed Carmel Middle School Tennis Courts Expansion Project ("Project") includes the construction of four (4) new tennis courts totaling approximately 27,658 square feet, along with the installation of associated infrastructure near the existing tennis courts on the Carmel Unified School District's Carmel Middle School campus. The Project encompasses various site work activities, including grading, earthwork, site preparation, excavation, trenching, compaction, and landscaping. Additionally, the Project involves the construction of a 10-foot-tall exterior fencing system equipped with wind screens around the perimeter of the tennis courts (232 feet long by 122 feet wide). Accessibility improvements will be made by constructing concrete sidewalks and designating new accessible parking spots (12 feet long by 26 feet wide) in an existing parking lot. To support the functioning of the tennis courts, underground utilities will be installed to ensure proper lighting and electrical connectivity, and drainage systems will be implemented to manage stormwater runoff effectively. The beneficiaries of the Project will be the students, staff, and surrounding community.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Carmel Unified School District

Name of Agency Carrying Out Project: Carmel Unified School District

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. State type and section number: Class 1 (§ 15301); Class 3 (§ 15303); Class 4 (§ 15304); Class 11 (§ 15311); Class 14 (§ 15134)
- Statutory Exemptions: N/A
- Other: Common Sense Exemption (§15061(b)(3))

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: **Class 1:** Operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features involving negligible expansion of use **Class 3:** Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor exterior modifications are made; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures. **Class 4:** Minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. **Class 11:** Construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities. **Class 14:** Minor additions to existing schools within existing schoolgrounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less. **Common Sense Exemption:** It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed Project involves any activity that may have a significant effect on the environment.

District Contact Person: Dan Paul, Chief Operations Officer, Carmel Unified School District

Signature: _____



Date: _____

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