



an office, a staff restroom, a stage area (with a sound room, a lift area, and a storage room), a multipurpose space (for cafeteria seating, an indoor basketball court, and seating for the stage) with a striped basketball court and a hanging basketball hoop, a custodial closet, and restrooms (a boys and girls restrooms). A screen wall and landscaping will be installed to the west of the new replacement cafeteria and administration building and include an attached outdoor drinking fountain. The area surrounding the new replacement cafeteria and administration will include new paved walkways, seating stones, low concrete wall/benches, a bike rack, and metal benches, and a flagpole..

The surface parking lot at the northeastern area of campus will include improvements such as repaving the surface parking lot with new concrete, new striping and circulation improvements. Circulation improvements include reconfiguring the parking lot to separate the main parking area from the pick-up/drop-off zone and eliminating the shared driveway. The proposed project would include the construction of two driveways (Driveway 1 and Driveway 2) along Larchwood Drive. Driveway 1 will be located near the southern corner of the project site and will allow egress only. Driveway 2, the existing campus driveway, is located near the northern corner and would allow ingress only. Driveway 2 would provide access to two internal drive aisles. The eastern drive aisle would provide access to the parking lot, and the western drive aisle would provide access to the pick-up and drop-off area and a bus-only drop-off area. Both drive aisles would connect to Driveway 1. The proposed project would provide an additional 20 feet of queuing length compared to the existing pick-up/drop-off zone. The parking lot would include 8 electric vehicle (EV) capable parking spaces and 29 standard parking spaces. One EV charging parking space and 2 accessible parking spaces, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) would be provided north of the proposed building. Parking on campus will decrease from a total of 63 parking spaces to a total of 39 parking spaces (a net decrease of 24 parking spaces). The project will install 13 parking and walkway light poles within the parking lot area. Of the 13 proposed light poles, five would replace the existing utility poles with lighting attached and one would replace an existing pedestrian scale parking lot light (to be removed with the demolition of the existing surface parking lot); the remaining seven light poles would be new. Additionally, the project will install of two EV chargers in the parking lot area.

The proposed trash enclosure will be located north of the northeast corner of the proposed building and will consist of a 6-foot wall with two swing gates. The bicycle locker will be located immediately west of the proposed trash enclosure. Three fire hydrants will be installed immediately east of the proposed trash enclosure.

The three existing shed structures and two existing storage containers will be removed. Additionally, the eight trees on the project site will be removed, and includes: one *Cercis canadensis*/Eastern Redbud, one *Sequoia sempervirens*/Coast Redwood, one *Populus fremontii*/Western Cottonwood, one *Eucalyptus sideroxylon* 'Rosea'/Red Ironbark, one *Acacia melanoxylon*/Black Acacia, and three *Celtis sinensis*/Chinese Hackberry.

Construction of the proposed improvements is tentatively scheduled to be implemented in February 2025 and is anticipated to last approximately 19 months. All construction equipment and workers will be located within the boundaries of the campus and contractors will adhere to construction noise regulations to avoid disruption to campus operations.

Overall the proposed project would benefit the Garden Valley Elementary School students, staff, and the general community by providing an enhanced educational facility.

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Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Twin Rivers Unified School District

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Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Twin Rivers Unified School District

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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));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, CCR §15301, Existing Facilities; Class 2, CCR §15302, Replacement or Reconstruction, Class 3, CCR §15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; Class 11, CCR §15311, Accessory Structures; Class 14, CCR §15314, Minor Additions to Schools
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

The proposed project's parking lot and circulation improvement component, walkway improvements, and ornamental fencing/gate replacement are exempt from CEQA under Class 1, Existing Facilities (Section 15301). These components of the proposed project are exterior alterations of existing school facilities on campus that improve the safety and access to the campus. Since the campus improvements are located in the same site and do not involve the expansion of use, the project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15301.

The proposed replacement of the parking lot, fire lane, and improvements to pedestrian walkways, fencing, and gates are exempt from CEQA under Class 2, replacement or reconstruction (Section 15302). The parking lot and fire lane will have the same purpose as the existing parking lot and improve onsite circulation. The parking lot improvements do not affect the capacity of the campus nor increase capacity of the parking lot. The proposed project will remove and replace the existing surrounding pedestrian walkways with new repaved walkways. The existing fences and gates at the project site will be replaced with new metal gates and decorative rolling gates. The metal gates and decorative rolling gates will serve the same purpose as the existing fences and gates. The proposed replacement cafeteria and administration building will not increase student capacity; the proposed replacement building will serve the existing students. The proposed project will replace existing structures on campus with similar structures within the same areas of the campus that will continue to serve the same purposes. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15302.

The proposed construction of the trash enclosure with the surrounding 6-foot wall; parking lot features, including but not limited to signage, two EV parking stations, 15 parking and walkway light poles, a flag pole, three fire hydrants, bike locker and racks and fencing are exempt from CEQA under Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Section 15303). The proposed parking lot features, including but not limited to signage, EV parking stations, 13 parking and walkway light poles, bike rack and bike lockers, and the proposed trash enclosure features a surrounding 6-foot wall which are small new structures that will be located within the boundaries of the campus. The parking lot improvements are minor modifications to the existing parking lot. Further, the proposed fencing and gates, and three fire hydrants that will be located within the school campus are considered small structures. Therefore, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15303.

The proposed parking lot improvements, including the updated pick-up/drop-off area with a designated bus drop-off area, crosswalk signs, parking lot reconfiguration, EV parking stations, 15 parking and walkway lights, a flag pole, bike locker and racks, trash enclosure, and three fire hydrants, low concrete wall/benches, seating stones, metal benches, landscaping, walkway/paving, fencing and gates are exempt from CEQA under Class 11, Accessory Structures (Section 15311). The proposed project will include parking lot improvements that will reconstruct the existing parking lot, and parking signage which are exempt under 15311(a), and (b). The installation of the EV parking stations, 13 parking and walkway lights, a flag pole, bike locker and racks, trash enclosure, and three fire hydrants, low concrete wall/benches, seating stones, metal benches, landscaping, walkway/paving, and fencing and gates are accessory structures to the campus and are related to the academic uses on-site. Therefore, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15311.

The proposed construction of the new replacement cafeteria and administration building is exempt from CEQA under Class 14, Minor Additions to Schools (Section 15314). The new replacement cafeteria and administration building will be located within the boundaries of the campus. No new classroom buildings are being constructed and the proposed replacement of the cafeteria and administration building will not increase the campus's enrollment capacity or increase the number of classrooms on-site. Thus, the project will not

increase student capacity by more than 25 percent or ten classrooms. Based on the foregoing, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15314.

The proposed project was also reviewed for possible exceptions under Section 15300.2, Exceptions, of the CEQA Guidelines and found that the exceptions do not apply.

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Reasons why project is exempt

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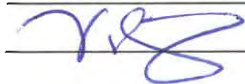
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If filed by applicant:

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

Date  
Received for  
Filing:

Signature:



Title:

Director Facilities Construction & Planning