



Facilities Department  
San Francisco Unified School District  
135 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**Submitted to:**

San Francisco Office of the County Clerk  
City Hall, Room 160  
One Dr Carlton B Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Office of Planning and Research  
*Submitted electronically via CEQASubmit*

**From:** San Francisco Unified School District  
135 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94121

**PROJECT TITLE:** Alamo Elementary School – Playground Project

**Project Address:** 250 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave  
San Francisco, CA 94122

**Assessor's Parcel Number:** 1411/005  
**County of:** San Francisco

**Project Description:** Playground renovation to include the following: playground surface repair, installation and maintenance, new playground painting and striping and installation of new TK playground structure including playground matting and surface repair, painting and striping.

The project has been **approved by** and **will be carried out by** the San Francisco Unified School District.

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**Signature:** LeeAnn Bailey **Date:** 3/25/25

**EXEMPT STATUS**

Categorically Exempt **Classes:** 1, 4 and 14

The project meets the categorical exemptions of Class 1, 4 and 14.



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

**Reason Project is Exempt:** The project described above is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) and Section 15314 (Minor Additions to Schools). The project meets the conditions for these exemptions as explained below.

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**Existing Facilities (Class 1, Section 15301).** The project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The project is to update and improve the existing playground at the school and does not expand the use.

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**Minor Alterations to Land (Class 4, Section 15304).** The project consists of minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The project does not apply to grading in a waterway, in any wetland, in an officially designated scenic area, in officially mapped areas of severe geologic hazard, or within an official Seismic Hazard Zone. No healthy, mature or scenic trees will be removed for the project.

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**Minor Additions to Schools (Class 14, Section 15314).** The project consists of minor additions within the existing school grounds and the additions do not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less. The project will have no effect on school capacity.

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### **Exceptions to Use of a Categorical Exemption:**

A project does not have the potential to trigger any of the exceptions identified in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 prohibiting the use of a categorical exemption.

- a. **Location.** Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located - a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may, in a particularly sensitive environment, be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply in all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

Although the location exception does not apply to a Class 1 or 14 Categorical Exemptions, for the Class 4 Exemption, the environmental sensitivity of the project site was assessed as part of preparation of this Notice of Exemption and the project will have no significant impact on a particularly sensitive environment.

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- b. Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant. The project does not contribute to any cumulative impact as there are no ongoing projects at this site or adjacent projects as confirmed by the SF Planning database.
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- c. Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. The project does not create any unusual circumstances.
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- d. Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources including, but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. Not applicable, the project is not within proximity to a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.
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- e. Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site that is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. Not applicable, as the project site is not on the Cortes List – State Database of Hazardous Sites.
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- f. Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Not applicable, as the project does not have a significant impact or substantial adverse change on a historical resource.

#### **REFERENCES**

California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). 2025. Envirostor.

<https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>. Accessed 3/15/2025.

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). 2025. List of Eligible and Officially Designated State Scenic Highways.

State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). 2025. GeoTracker.

<https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>. Accessed 3/15/2025.

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PLAY EQUIPMENT SCHEDULE

NOTE: PLAY EQUIPMENT PRODUCTS ARE NOTED FOR DESIGN INTENT AND REFERENCE ONLY. PRODUCTS WITH EQUIVALENT SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

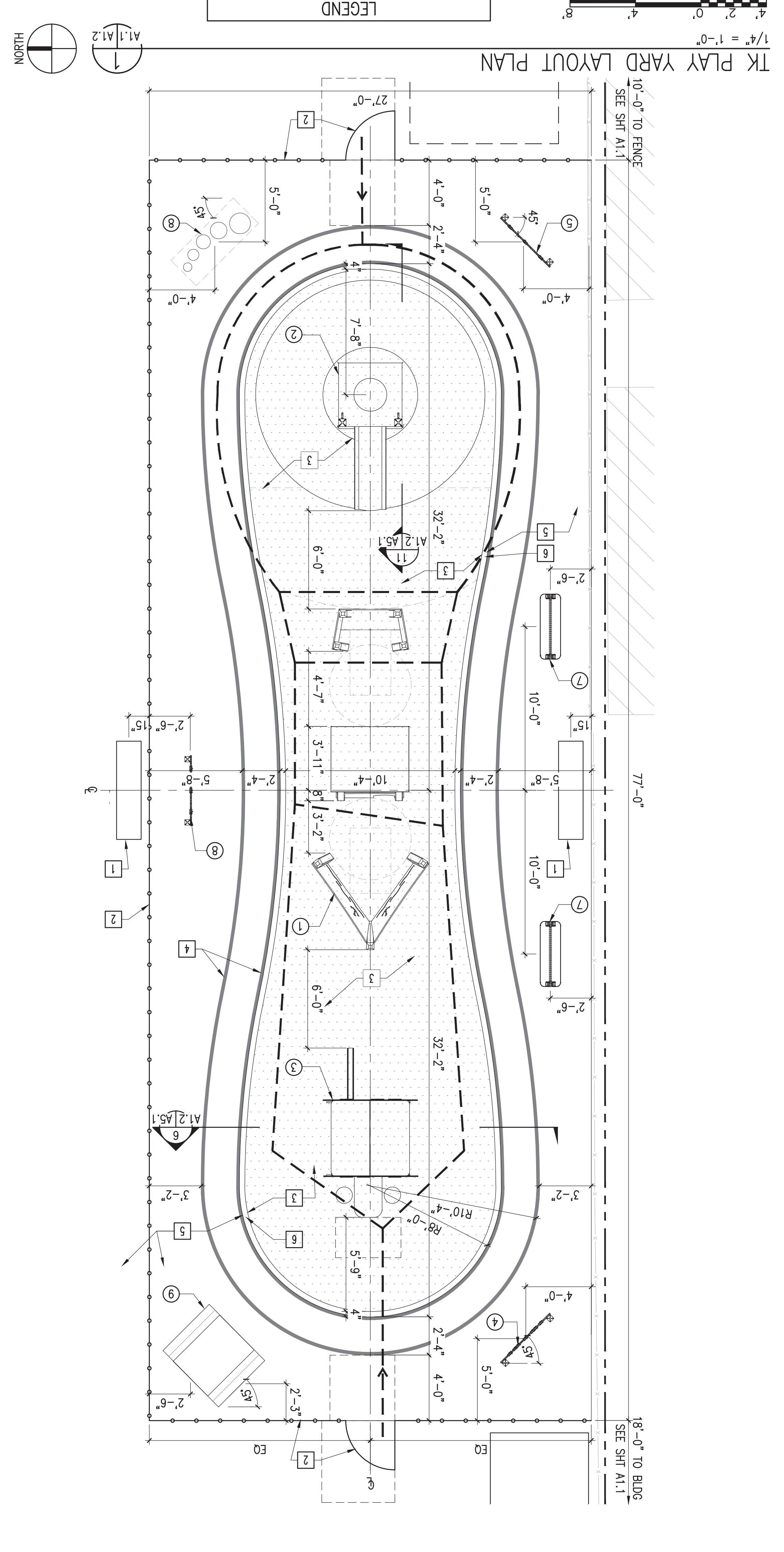
KEY	QTY	NAME	SOURCE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	REFERENCE IMAGE
①	1	VILLAGE S.S. MINNOW	PD PLAY		
②	1	HILL SLIDE (SINGLE)	PD PLAY	32" HIGH	
③	1	VILLAGE TREE	PD PLAY		
④	1	HOPE SHRUB	PD PLAY		
⑤	1	HDPE FENCE	PD PLAY		
⑥	1	TUNED DRUMS	PD PLAY		
⑦	2	VILLAGE ART ADVENTURE (DOUBLE SIDED)	PD PLAY	SET POSTS IN GROUND	
⑧	1	INFANT ACTIVITY PANEL (SHAPE MAZE)	PD PLAY		
⑨	1	HDPE KIDS TABLE	PD PLAY	4' LENGTH	

**KEYED NOTES**

- WOOD BENCH, SEE DETAIL 3/AS.1.
- 4'-0" H CHAIN LINK FENCE AND ACCESS GATES, SEE DETAIL 8/AS.1.
- POURED-IN-PLACE PROTECTIVE PLAYGROUND SURFACING, SEE DETAIL 6/AS.1 AND 32 18 16.13 FOR SPECIFICATIONS.
- 2" YELLOW PAINTED LINES AT PEDAL TRACK.
- AC PAVING - SEE 1/AS.1.
- CONCRETE FLUSH CURB - SEE 6/AS.1.

**GENERAL NOTES**

- VERIFY EXISTING DIMENSIONS PROVIDED AND CONTACT ARCHITECT TO RESOLVE ANY DISCREPANCIES.
- SLOPES IN ALL DIRECTIONS SHALL NOT EXCEED 2%.
- ALL SCHEDULED PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT TO COMPLY WITH ASTM F1487 AND CPSC HANDBOOK FOR PUBLIC PLAYGROUND SAFETY. EQUIPMENT SHALL BE INSTALLED BY A CERTIFIED INSTALLER INCLUDING FOOTINGS, ANCHORAGE, AND SUBSTRUCTURES AS REQUIRED BY THE EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER. GROUND SPACE AND PROTECTIVE AREAS REQUIRED FOR EACH SCHEDULED PLAY APPARATUS SHALL BE CONFIRMED AND MAINTAINED.
- PLAY SURFACE TO COMPLY WITH CBC 11B-1008.2.6.1.
- USE ZONES AROUND PLAY EQUIPMENT TO COMPLY WITH CBC 11B-1008.2.6.2.
- AGE GROUP FOR TK YARD IS 4 TO 5 YEARS OLD.



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DATE: 2/28/2025  
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APP: 01-22282 INC.  
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 250 23RD AVENUE  
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**Architect Stamp**  
 ANDREW C. CHEN  
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 Exp. 6/30/25  
 STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
 2/20/25

**Consultant Stamp**

**Project Name:** PLAY YARD IMPROVEMENTS

**School Name and Address:** ALAMO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
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**Revisions**

Date	No.	Revisions
02/27/25	VI	ISA PLAN REVIEW SUBMITTAL

**DRAWING TITLE:** TK YARD LAYOUT PLAN

**SHEET NO.:** A1.2

6 OF 10 SHEETS

DATE: 02/27/2025  
 PROJECT NO.:  
 JOB #:  
 SITE NO.:

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"  
 S.F.U.S.D. PROJECT NO. 12466  
 AS NOTED