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LEAD AGENCY SAN MATEO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 06/25/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN MATEO COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 128945	
PROJECT TITLE		

SAN MATEO HIGH SCHOOL PHOTOVOLTAIC PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SAN MATEO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (650) 558-2201
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 650 NORTH DELAWARE STREET	CITY SAN MATEO	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 94401

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☐ Local Public Agency ☒ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 4,051.25 \$
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 2,916.75 \$
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,377.25 \$

☒ Exempt from fee
☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)
☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$ 850.00 \$
☒ County documentary handling fee \$ 50.00 \$ 50.00
☐ Other \$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☒ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE

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AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Henry Salgado Deputy Clerk

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: San Mateo
555 County Center

Redwood City, CA 94063-1665

From: (Public Agency): San Mateo Union High School District
650 North Delaware Street

San Mateo CA 94401

(Address)

FILED ENDORSED
IN THE OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY CLERK RECORDER
SAN MATEO COUNTY CALIF

Project Title: San Mateo High School Photovoltaic Project

JUN 25 2024

Project Applicant: San Mateo Union High School District

Project Location - Specific:

650 North Delaware Street, San Mateo

MARK CHURCH, County Clerk
By Henry Salgado
Deputy Clerk

Project Location - City: San Mateo

Project Location - County: San Mateo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project would consist of installation of a single new parking lot canopy solar array, and a new solar array atop the performing arts building. No trees would be removed for the project. The parking lot solar array would be about 182 feet long by 37 feet wide, with a clearance minimum of 13.5 feet. It would contain 240 solar panels (modules). The rooftop solar array would include 236 modules split into two groups covering most of the roof area of the Performing Arts Center. The purpose of this project is to provide renewable electricity to the grid and reduce energy costs to the District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Mateo Union High School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Mateo Union High School District

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: _____
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 21080.35 (rooftop and parking lot solar system exemption)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project proposes parking lot and rooftop solar arrays. No old or protected trees would be removed.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Yancy Hawkins

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 650-558-2201

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: _____ Date: 6/10/24 Title: Chief Business Officer

☒ 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: _____

SAN MATEO HIGH SCHOOL PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM PROJECT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION DISCUSSION

Project Description

Existing Facilities

San Mateo High School, located at 506 North Delaware Street in San Mateo is owned and operated by the San Mateo Union High School District. The school is in a mixed multiple- and single-family residential neighborhood. The parking lot proposed for the solar canopy is near the gymnasium building, in the central part of campus. The rooftop solar is proposed for the Performing Arts building, which faces North Delaware street. Eight solar arrays have already been installed over parking areas and open space on the campus.

Proposed Project

The project would consist of installation of a single new parking lot canopy solar array, and a new solar array atop the performing arts building. No trees would be removed for the project. The parking lot solar array would be about 182 feet long by 37 feet wide, with a clearance minimum of 13.5 feet. It would contain 240 solar panels (modules). The rooftop solar array would include 236 modules split into two groups covering most of the roof area of the Performing Arts Center. Inverters, switching and cabling would be installed to connect these systems to the existing solar array facilities on campus. The purpose of this project is to provide renewable electricity to the grid and reduce energy costs to the District.

The project would be constructed over between June 2025 and January 2026. No new or expanded uses of the school facilities are proposed as part of this project.

Exemption Analysis

The project would qualify for exemption under the CEQA rooftop/parking lot statutory exemption (CEQA Statutes, Section 21080.35). This exemption applies to rooftop and parking lot photovoltaic systems located on the same parcel as the existing buildings, with associated equipment not occupying more than 500 sq. ft. and not containing protected plants.

This exemption does not apply if the associated equipment would otherwise require one of the following:

- (1) An individual federal permit pursuant to Section 401 or 404 of the federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. Sec. 1341 or 1344) or waste discharge requirements pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Division 7 (commencing with Section 13000) of the Water Code).

(2) An individual take permit for species protected under the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. Sec. 1531 et seq.) or the California Endangered Species Act (Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 2050) of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code).

(3) A streambed alteration permit pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 1600) of Division 2 of the Fish and Game Code.

(e) This section does not apply if the installation of a solar energy system at an existing parking lot involves either of the following:

(1) The removal of a tree required to be planted, maintained, or protected pursuant to local, state, or federal requirements, unless the tree dies and there is no requirement to replace the tree.

(2) The removal of a native tree over 25 years old.

(f) This section does not apply to any transmission or distribution facility or connection.

Conclusions

The project is within the parameters of the Section 21081.53 exemption and none of the exceptions to that exemption would apply. No trees would be removed for the project and none of the permits identified in the exemption would be required.