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SAN MATEO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT		12/05/2024
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SAN MATEO COUNTY	129075	
PROJECT TITLE		

SAN MATEO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, DISTRICT OFFICES GENERATOR PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
SAN MATEO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT		
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE
		ZIP CODE

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	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X 	Kamille Santos 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
650 N. Delaware Street
San Mateo, CA 94401

(Address)

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IN THE OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY CLERK RECORDER
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DEC 05 2024

Project Title: San Mateo Union High School District, District Offices Generator Project
By MARK CHURCH County Clerk
KAMILLE SANTOS Deputy Clerk

Project Applicant: San Mateo Union High School District

Project Location - Specific:

650 North Delaware Street, San Mateo, CA 94401

Project Location - City: San Mateo

Project Location - County: San Mateo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Add an emergency generator (enclosed in a sound enclosure, with a 440-gallon diesel tank, and on an approximately 16x16-foot concrete pad) and associated electrical infrastructure to serve the existing District Offices building. The purpose of the project is to provide back-up power to the District Offices and internet servers in the event that PG&E power is not available.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Yancy Hawkins, Associate Superintendent/CBO

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- Existing Facilities- Section 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project would be a minor alteration of the existing District Office Building site, consistent with Class 1 Exemption. Any potential health risk from generator emissions would be minimized as part of required BAAQMD permitting for construction and operation.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Yancy Hawkins

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 650-558-2204

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: 12/3/24 Title: Associate Superintendent

☒ 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 UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES GENERATOR PROJECT CEQA EXEMPTION DISCUSSION

Project Description

Existing Facilities

The San Mateo Union High School District's Offices Building is located at 650 North Delaware Street in San Mateo. The District Offices are adjacent to the San Mateo High School Campus, which is in a mixed multiple- and single-family residential neighborhood. The proposed project would be located behind the existing District Offices (DO) building, adjacent to an existing utility building between the DO building and the San Mateo High School football field complex.

Proposed Project

The District proposes to construct a 175 kilowatt (Kw) standby diesel generator behind the District Office building, between that building and the San Mateo High School stadium. The generator would be enclosed and include a 440-gallon diesel fuel tank (per planset) located beneath the generator. The generator/tank module would be 12 feet long by 4.5 feet wide by 10.75 feet tall. It would be placed on an irregularly shaped approximately 16-foot by 16-foot concrete pad, surrounded by a 6-foot high chain link fence. Work includes minor excavation and grading, placement of a concrete housekeeping pad and security fence and installation of the generator and two automatic transfer switches. Minor landscape removal would occur, including removal of one ornamental tree. Noise and dust generation should be minimal and, because the work would be located behind the District Office, it would be shielded visually and in terms of noise from the neighboring properties. The generator would produce noise levels of 73 dB(A) @ 7 meters and a maximum of 103 dB(A) @ 1 meter. At these levels, noise from its use would not be intrusive at nearby residential properties.

The generator would power both the District Office and the Network Operations Center that houses the District's servers (to keep the internet up and running) in the event of an unplanned outage or a PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS). The generator would start automatically upon interruption of PG&E power. It will also be tested monthly for an hour to keep the engine lubricated and ensure proper operation.

Construction is proposed to start in May and end in early August 2025.

This project does not include any modifications to the DO building, building access, building envelope, or spaces within the building.

Categorical Exemption Analysis

The project would be subject to the Class 1 exemption, as discussed below.

Class 1 Exemption

The CEQA Class 1 Exemption (Class 1-Existing Facilities [CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301]) Applies, in part, to minor alterations to existing facilities. These include addition of health and safety related equipment, which would include emergency generators. The proposed project would consist of minor alterations to the existing District Office building facilities. Therefore, this exemption would apply.

Analysis of Possible Exceptions to Class 1 Exemption

The exemption is subject to the following exceptions:

- **Cumulative Impact.** This exception would apply if the project were to contribute to significant impacts to a resource in combination with other proposed new development nearby. No other substantive projects with overlapping construction are proposed for the District Offices. Several projects are proposed for the adjacent San Mateo High School Campus that may have construction that overlaps construction of the generator project. These include projects to install solar panel canopies and electric vehicle charging stations in the District Office parking lot. Because, proposed project construction activities would be limited to a small area and a 3-4 month period, it would not contribute considerably to any cumulative impacts of these other projects. In addition, the other projects also would involve only minor construction. The project area is a fully-developed neighborhood of residences, school facilities, and commercial uses, and no substantial offsite cumulative development is likely to occur. Therefore, no potentially significant cumulative impacts would occur.
- **Scenic Highways.** This exception would apply if the project were to result in damage to scenic resources within a State-designated Scenic Highway corridor. The project would be located inside an existing structure and therefore would not be visible or alter any views from any on- or off-campus areas. In addition, there are no State Scenic Highways in the project area. The project site is not visible from a designated scenic highway, and is not visible from any roadway, therefore this exception would not apply.
- **Hazardous Waste Sites.** There are no listed hazardous materials/hazardous waste sites listed on or in the vicinity of the project site (https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/map/?global_id=41490049, accessed October 31, 2024).
- **Historical Resources.** This exception would apply if the project were to potentially significantly adversely affect an historical resource. The proposed project includes no exterior changes to any of the existing school buildings. The generator would be behind the modern District Office Building and therefore would not have the potential to adversely affect any historical resources.

- **Significant Effect.** The exception would apply if the project would have the potential for a significant effect to the environment due to unusual circumstances. Unusual circumstances may include historic structures, hazardous materials contamination, protected species or habitats, and other similar conditions. In order to operate, the generator would require "Authority to Construct" and "Permit to Operate" approvals from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. As part of those permits, the District would be required to conduct a Health Risk Assessment for generator emissions, which would assure that the project's air pollutant emissions would not adversely affect occupants of the office building or students at the adjacent high school facilities. This would eliminate the potential of a significant effect from project emissions. In addition, there are no unusual circumstances on the project site, therefore this exception would not apply.

Conclusions

As discussed above, the project is within the parameters of the Class 1 Exemption and none of the exceptions to that exemption would apply.