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LEAD AGENCY Scotts Valley Unified School District	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 1/26/2026
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Cruz	DOCUMENT NUMBER 006-26
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PROJECT TITLE

Brook Knoll Elementary School Modernization Project

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Scotts Valley Unified School District	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER 831-438-1820 x105
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 108 Whispering Pines Dr., Ste 115	CITY Scotts Valley	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 95066
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 0.00

☐ 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) \$ 0.00

☐ Count \$ 0.00

☒ Other 476712 Cash \$ 50.00

PAYMENT METHOD:

☒ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

X *Lois Welch Bettencourt*
Lois Welch Bettencourt, Admin Aide Clerk of the Board



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NOTICE

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):

- ☐ Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- ☐ Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- ☐ Mail filing fees for CRP document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a **No Effect Determination** signed by CDFW, also:

- ☐ Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) (Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))

- ☐ Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- ✓ A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- ✓ A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
- ✓ A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

DOCUMENT RETENTION

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

RECEIPT NUMBER

- # The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
- # The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
- # The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.

Mail to:
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Accounting Services Branch
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, California 94244-2090

Notice of Exemption

To: ☐ Office of Planning and Research
Electronically submitted

☐ County Clerk-Recorder's Office
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean St., Room 310

Santa Cruz, CA 95060
From: (Public Agency)

Scotts Valley Unified School District
108 Whispering Pines Drive, Suite 115
Scotts Valley, CA 95066

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Project Title: Brook Knoll Elementary School Modernization Project

Project Location - Specific: 151 Brook Knoll Drive, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (Brook Knoll Elementary School)

Project Location - City: Santa Cruz

Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Board of Trustees ("Board") for the Scotts Valley Unified School District ("District") proposes to modernize and reconfigure aspects of the District's Brook Knoll Elementary School. The project will include modernization of existing buildings and classrooms, construction of a new multipurpose building of approximately 10,000 square feet, installation of new play structures and play surfaces, and reconfiguration of pedestrian drop-off areas and paving, encompassing approximately 34,000 existing square feet. The Project is part of the District's Measure O School Facilities Bond approved by District voters in November, 2024.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Scotts Valley Unified School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Scotts Valley Unified 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));

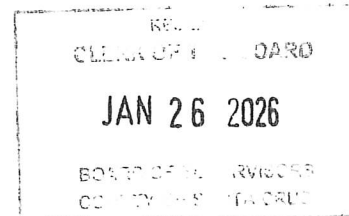
☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14 § 15301 (Class 1)

☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Cal. Code Regs. Tit 14 § 15303 (Class 3)

☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Cal. Code Regs. Tit 14 § 15311 (Class 11)

☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Cal. Code Regs. Tit 14 § 15314 (Class 14)

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:



Reasons why project is exempt: On November 7, 2025, the Board approved Lease Lease-Back agreements between the District and Overaa Construction Inc. for construction services related to the Brook Knoll and Vine Hill Elementary Schools Modernization Projects ("Project"). The Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 15301 (Class 1 – minor alteration of existing structures), 15303 (Class 3 – new construction of small structures), 15311 (Class 11 – construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to) and 15314 (Class 14 – minor additions to schools). The Project involves replacement or minor expansion of existing school facilities and does not increase capacity beyond regulatory thresholds. It does not trigger any exceptions to categorical exemptions under CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2, as the Project is not located in a particularly sensitive environment and will not have cumulative impacts resulting from successive projects of the same type, there are no unusual circumstances associated with the Project, no impact on scenic highways, no location on a hazardous waste site, and no substantial adverse

effect on historical resources.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Tanya Krause
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Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (831) 438-1820 ext.

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: Jan. 23, 2026 Title: Superintendent

☐ Signed by Lead Agency

THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE CLERK
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE FOR A
PERIOD COMMENCING 01/26/2026
AND ENDING 03/02/2026