

FILED**January 30, 2026**KRISTIN B. CONNELLY
CLERK-RECORDERBy *A. Cruz*A. Cruz
Deputy Clerk**Notice of Exemption**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk-Recorder's Office
County of Contra Costa
555 Escobar Street
Martinez, CA 94553

From: (Public Agency)

Moraga School District
1540 School Street
Moraga, CA 94556Project Title: Donald L. Rheem Elementary School Modernization Project

Project Location - Specific: 90 Laird Drive, Moraga, CA 94556 (Donald L. Rheem Elementary School)

Project Location - City: MoragaProject Location - County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Board of Trustees ("Board") for the Moraga School District ("District") proposes to modernize and repair facilities at the Donald L. Rheem Elementary School campus ("Campus"), located on a District-owned site Moraga, California. The project consists of select building modernization including: reroofing of 4 buildings, repairing or replacing roof ducts, upgrading fire alarms campus wide, select lower window replacement, and new HVAC and dishwasher at the Multipurpose Room. In addition, the project includes the installation of 2 modular classroom buildings on the campus. Site scope also consists of select path of travel upgrades, relocation, regrade and reseed of baseball field, decorative entry fencing, and removal of 2 trees.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Moraga School District *Lead Agency, Project Applicant*Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Moraga 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 § 15302 (Class 2)
- 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 § 15314 (Class 1)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: On December 9, 2025, the Board approved Lease Lease-Back agreements between the District and CORE Construction, Inc. for construction services related to the Joaquin Moraga Middle School and Donald Rheem Elementary School 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), sections 15302 (Class 2 - replacement or reconstruction), 15303 (Class 3 - new construction of small structures), 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: Julie Parks

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (925) 377-4101

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: January 29, 2026 Title: Superintendent

Signed by Lead Agency



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
 07-01/30/2026-036
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY MORAGA SCHOOL DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 01/30/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING CONTRA COSTA COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2026-00036	

PROJECT TITLE
 DONALD L. RHEEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MODERNIZATION PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME MORAGA SCHOOL DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (925) 925-3774
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1540 SCHOOL STREET	CITY MORAGA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 94556

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 4,227.50 \$ _____

Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 3,043.75 \$ _____

Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,437.25 \$ _____

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 X	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Annaleah Cruz Deputy Clerk
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