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LEAD AGENCY SAN MATEO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 03/18/2026
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PROJECT TITLE  
 ARAGON HIGH SCHOOL BOLLER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SAN MATEO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (650) 558-2299
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 650 NORTH DELAWARE ST	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) \$ 4,227.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00**

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Henry Salgado Deputy Clerk
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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)

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Project Title: Aragon High School Boiler Replacement Project

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Project Applicant: San Mateo Union High School District

Project Location - Specific:
900 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo, CA 94402

MARK CHURCH, County Clerk
By Henry Saigado
Deputy Clerk

Project Location - City: San Mateo Project Location - County: San Mateo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project would involve replacing four existing boilers in an existing building providing heat to the campus..

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: Section 15301(rehab);15302(replace)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15061(b)(3)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project proposes replacement of existing boiler sin an existing building, consistent with Class 1 and 2 exemptions. No potential adverse environmental impacts would occur, therefore the project would qualify for the Common Sense CEQA Exemption (Guidelines 15061 (b)(3)). No exceptions to the exemptions would occur at this project site.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Yancy Hawkins Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 650-558-2299

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: 3/10/20 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.

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# ARAGON HIGH SCHOOL BOILER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION DISCUSSION

### **Project Description**

Existing Facilities. Aragon High School, located at 900 Alameda de las Pulgas in San Mateo, is a grades 9-12 school owned and operated by the San Mateo Union High School District. The school is immediately adjacent to single-family houses to the south, and across the streets from single-family houses to the north, east, and west. Baywood Elementary school is also across Woodland Drive to the northwest. The proposed project would be constructed in the existing school boiler building, on the southeast side of the school campus, near the tennis courts.

Proposed Project. The District proposes to replace the four (4) existing boilers in the existing boiler building with new boilers of similar capacity. The purpose of this project is to provide reliable heat to the campus. The project would be constructed in the summer of 2027.

### **Exemption Analysis**

Class 1 Exemption. The CEQA Class 1 Exemption (Existing Facilities - CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301) applies to repairs and maintenance of existing facilities including interior or exterior alterations involving no or negligible expansion of the facilities, and restoration and rehabilitation of deteriorated structures and facilities, as well as health and safety improvements. The Project qualifies for the Class 1 exemption because it involves the rehabilitation of existing facilities at the school and would not expand the school capacity.

Class 2 Exemption. The CEQA Class 2 exemption (Class 2-Replacement or reconstruction [CEQA Guidelines, Section 15302]) consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, including but not limited to replacement or reconstruction of existing schools and school facilities. The proposed project would replace the existing school boiler with a more modern one in the same location. Therefore, this exemption would apply.

### **Analysis of Possible Exceptions to Class 1 and Class 2 Exemptions**

The exemptions are 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. There would not be any substantive overlapping projects at the school (the only concurrent project would be a classroom modernization project), and the proposed project impacts would be so small and localized that it would not have the potential for a

cumulatively considerable contribution to any cumulative impacts. Therefore, this exception would not apply.

- **Scenic Highways.** This exception would apply if the project were to result in damage to scenic resources within a scenic highway corridor. There are no highways or roadways in the project area or from which the project area can be seen that are designated as Scenic or are eligible for scenic designation. The roadway nearest to the project area that is eligible for scenic designation is the segment of State Route 92 west of Highway 280. The City of San Mateo General Plan does not designate any roadways in the project vicinity as locally scenic. Hillsdale Boulevard is indicated in the Urban Design Element of the General Plan as a major corridor in the City, but is not given any formal designation. The boiler would be in an existing structure and would not be visible. Therefore this exception would not apply.
- **Hazardous Waste Sites.** This exception would apply if the project were to be located on a hazardous waste site listed pursuant to California Government Code Section 65962.5. A search of the State Envirostor database conducted on February 12, 2025, found no listed hazardous wastes sites on or near the school site. ([https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/map/?global\\_id=21880002](https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/map/?global_id=21880002)).
- **Historical Resources.** This exception would apply if the project were to potentially significantly adversely affect an historical resource. The proposed project includes a minimal alteration within an existing school 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. There are no unusual circumstances on the site and there is no potential for significant effect, therefore this exception would not apply.

## Conclusions

As discussed above, the project is within the parameters of the Class 1 and 2 exemptions and, as detailed above, none of the exceptions to the exemption would apply. Therefore, this exemption would apply to the proposed project.