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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Marin
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

From: (Public Agency): Marin County Office of Education
1111 Las Gallinas Avenue
San Rafael, CA 94903
(Address)

Project Title: Grant Grover School Safety Netting Project

Project Applicant: Marin County Office of Education

Project Location - Specific:
800 College Avenue

Project Location - City: Kentfield Project Location - County: Marin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Adding a netting barrier structure to a school outdoor area will protect students from errant baseballs. The project also includes minor restroom improvements. Two landscape trees would be removed for the project. New drinking fountain would be added to the exterior of the building.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Marin County Office of Education

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Marin County Office of Education

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 14 (Sec15314); Class 1 (Sec15301)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Proposed project would add a small netting structure to the existing school, which would fall under the minor additions to existing facilities definition of Section 15301, and would not add to the existing school building footage, as permitted under the Section 15314 exemption. See attached Discussion.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jon Lenz Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (415) 499-5801

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: Docusigned by: Jon Lenz 5B80D1064906418... Date: 10/14/2026 Title: Deputy 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.

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GRANT GROVER SCHOOL SAFETY NETTING PROJECT
CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION DISCUSSION

Project Description

Existing Facilities

The Marin County Office of Education's (MCOE) Grant Grover School is located at 800 College Avenue in Kentfield. College of Marin is adjacent to the school to the south and Kent Middle School is adjacent to the school to the west. Grant Grover School is separated from nearby residential areas by Corte Madera Creek. Access to the school is available from College Avenue, which intersects with Sir Francis Drake Blvd. north of the Creek. The school buildings are adjacent to two ballfields; the College of Marin's ballfield is directly south of the school and the Kentfield Softball Field lies directly to the north. There is an existing 30- foot-high netting structure in place at the College of Marin ballfield's left field line to prevent baseballs from reaching the Grant Grover School, however some balls have cleared that netting.

Proposed Project

The project would consist of constructing a new sloping safety net canopy extending over the southern portion of the Grant Grover School courtyard to prevent errant baseballs from the adjacent College of Marin ballfield facility from injuring the students. The canopy would slope from a maximum of 24-feet high at its peak to 14-feet high at its lowest point. It would connect to an existing fence. Posts would be installed to support the netting. The project also would install a new outdoor drinking fountain and minor fixture renovations to the existing accessible gender-neutral restroom. Landscape trees adjacent to the school buildings would be removed.

The purpose of the project is to protect students using outdoor spaces at the school from errant baseballs. The project would be implemented from November 2026 to April 2027.

Categorical Exemption Analysis

Class 14 Exemption

The CEQA Class 14 Exemption (18.36.160 Class 14-Minor additions to schools (CEQA Guidelines, Section 15314) applies to minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than twenty-five (25) percent or ten (10) classrooms, whichever is less.

The project is a netting canopy structure and therefore would not increase school capacity. This would conform to the exemption's requirements.

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Class 1 Exemption

The CEQA Class 1 Exemption (Class 3-Minor Alterations to Existing Facilities [CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301)) applies to minor changes to existing facilities that would not change the use or capacity of the facilities. The project would conform to the requirements of this exemption.

Exceptions to the Exemptions

Per CEQA Guidelines section 18.36.020, exceptions to Class 1 and 14 categorical exemptions can apply where the following occur:

- **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.

  The project impacts would be limited to construction, and would be so minor as to not have any potential to generate a cumulatively considerable contribution to any cumulative impacts. In addition, the areas around the facility are fully developed with other school facilities.

- **Scenic Highways.** This exception would apply if the project were to result in damage to scenic resources within a scenic highway corridor.

  The project netting would only be visible from the adjacent school and from the Grant Grover School. It would not be visible from any designated State Scenic Highways.

- **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 September 16, 2026, found no listed hazardous wastes sites on or within 1000 feet of the project site[1].

- **Historical Resources.** This exception would apply if the project were to potentially significantly adversely affect an historical resource.

  The proposed project includes no alterations to the existing Grant Grover School buildings, 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.

[1] https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/map/?global_id=21880002 accessed September 16, 2026

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Conclusions

As discussed above, the project is within the parameters of the Class 14 and Class 1 Exemptions and none of the exceptions to that exemption would apply.