

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044,
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Hanford Elementary School District
714 N. White St
Hanford, CA 93230

County Clerk-Recorder
County of Kings
1400 W. Lacey Blvd.
Hanford, CA 93230

Project Title: Richmond Elementary School Modernization Project

Project Location - Specific:

Richmond Elementary School
939 Katie Hammond Lane
Hanford, California 93230

Project Location - County: Kings

Description of Project:

The modernization existing buildings with related site improvements.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Hanford Elementary School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Hanford Elementary School District

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(a)(1); 15268(b));
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
X Categorical Exemption. State Type and section number:
Minor addition to school [15314]
Replacement of existing structure [15302]
Statutory Exemptions. State Code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The modernization project will result not result in increased student capacity and thus not beyond the limits set forth in 15314. The project is also not subject to any of the exceptions to exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Joy C. Gabler, Superintendent

Area Code/Telephone/Ext.: 559-585-3604

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: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 11/14/19 Title: Superintendent

Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

HANFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
FINDING THE RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MODERNIZATION PROJECT
EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)
AND APPROVING THE FILING AND RECORDATION OF A NOTICE OF
EXEMPTION**

RESOLUTION NO. 11-20

WHEREAS, the Hanford Elementary School District (“District”) owns and operates Richmond Elementary School, located at 939 Katie Hammond Lane, Hanford, California, in the County of Kings, California (the “Site”); and

WHEREAS, the District proposes to construct certain improvements to the Site consisting of modernization of existing buildings and site improvements at Richmond Elementary School (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, prior to commencement of the Project, the District must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”); and

WHEREAS, categorical exemptions to CEQA are set forth in Article 19 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (“CEQA Guidelines”); and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines Section 15314 sets forth an exemption from CEQA for minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, the Project will not result in an increase in student capacity or classrooms beyond what is allowed by the exemption in 15314; and

WHEREAS, the District has considered whether the Project is subject to any of the exceptions to exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2.; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that the Project is not subject to any of the exceptions to exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2; and

WHEREAS, the District has considered whether the Project may have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the District has concluded, through its own independent review and analysis of the Project, that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Education of the Hanford Elementary School District hereby finds, determines, declares, orders and resolves as follows:

Section 1. That all of the recitals set forth above are true and correct, and the Board so finds and determines.

Section 2. That the District has considered whether the Project may have a significant effect on the environment.

Section 3. That the District has concluded, after reviewing the Project through its own independent review and analysis, that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Section 4. That the Project will not result in additional classroom space or increase student capacity at the Site beyond what is allowed under 15314.


Section 5. That the Project is subject to CEQA Guidelines Section 15314, and not subject to any exception to exemption found in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 and is therefore exempt from CEQA.

Section 6. That the District's Superintendent, or the Superintendent's designee, is instructed to file and/or record a Notice of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act, consistent with this Resolution, attached hereto as Exhibit "A," with any and all appropriate public agencies or entities, subject only to minor, non-substantive revisions, if necessary.

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Hanford Elementary School District on the 13th day of November, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:	<u>5</u>
NOES:	<u>0</u>
ABSTENTIONS:	<u>0</u>



President of the Board of Education of the
Hanford Elementary School District

Attested to:



Clerk of the Board of Education of the
Hanford Elementary School District