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## Notice of Exemption

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County Clerk

County of: San Mateo555 County CenterRedwood City, CA 94063-1665

From: (Public Agency): San Mateo Union High School Dis  
650 North Delaware Street  
San Mateo CA 94401

(Address)

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Project Title: Aragon High School Elevator Canopy Project

DEC 23 2019

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 GLENN S. CHANGTIN  
Deputy Clerk

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project would involve installing a rain canopy (approximately 5' by 15.5') at the elevator entrance to the Music Building (near Classroom 175).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Mateo Union High School DistrictName 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: Class 1 -Section 15301  
☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15061(b)(3)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project proposes installation of a small rain canopy structure within an existing school building (exempt under Guidelines Section 15301 (a). 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: Elizabeth McManus Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 650-558-2204

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: 12/18/19 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.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

San Mateo's Office of Planning & Research  
FEB 04 2020  
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

## ARAGON HIGH SCHOOL ELEVATOR CANOPY PROJECT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION DISCUSSION

### **Project Description**

#### Existing Facilities

Aragon High School, located at 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 has a current enrollment of approximately 1555 students.

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 within an existing classroom building on the school campus.

#### Proposed Project

The project would consist of the installation of a 5-foot by 15.5-foot metal canopy to protect an existing elevator entrance from rainfall.

The project would be constructed over a two-month period, in December 2019 through January 2020. No new or expanded uses of any school facilities are proposed as part of this project.

### **Categorical Exemption Analysis**

#### Class 1 Exemption

The CEQA Class 1 Exemption (Class 1-Existing Facilities [CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301]) applies to operation and minor expansions of existing facilities. It includes "addition of safety or health protection devices to existing facilities." (CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(f)). The proposed project would consist of addition of safety lighting to an existing parking lot. Therefore, this exemption would apply.

#### Analysis of Possible Exceptions to Class 1 Exemption

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. No other such development is proposed at the school or in the neighborhood, so 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. In any case, the small canopy structure located in an existing school building would not be visible from off-site.

- **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 November 8, 2019, found no listed hazardous wastes sites on or near the school site. ([http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/map/?global\\_id=21880002](http://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 to 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.

### **General Rule (Common Sense) Exemption**

As described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (3), a project is exempt from further CEQA review if, "The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA."

As described above for the Class 1 Exemption, the project also qualifies for exemption under the General Rule Exemption.

### **Conclusions**

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

County of San Mateo  
Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder  
Mark Church

555 County Center  
Redwood City, CA, 94063

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SAN MATEO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

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San Mateo

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PROJECT TITLE

**ARAGON HIGH SCHOOL ELEVATOR CANOPY PROJECT**

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

ELIZABETH MCMANUS

PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

( )

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☐ Local Public Agency

☒ School District

☐ Other Special District

☐ State Agency

☐ Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,271.00	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,354.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,112.00	\$	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) \$850.00 \$ 0.00

☒ County documentary handling fee \$ 50.00

☐ Other \$

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