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Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

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From: (Public Agency): Novato Unified School District
1015 Seventh Street
Novato, CA 94945

(Address)

Project Title: Novato High School Old Gym Building and 819 Olive Street Building Roof Replacements

Project Applicant: Novato Unified School District

Project Location - Specific:

819 Olive Street and 625 Arthur Street, Novato

Project Location - City: Novato Project Location - County: Marin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project would consist of replacing the existing roofing at the Novato High School old gymnasium building and the District's vehicle maintenance/kitchen facility at 819 Olive Street. Approximately 20,000 sq. ft. of roofing and up to 5,000 sq. ft. of roof decking would be replaced. Old roofing would be

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Novato Unified School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mr. Michael Woolard, Facilities Director

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 15312
☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15061(b)(3)

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project includes replacement of existing roofing on the two NUSD buildings. (Section 15301 exemption - maintenance and repair). Project would clearly have no potential for any significant impacts (Section 15061(3) exemption). See attached Discussion.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Michael Woolard, Facilities Director Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 415 493-4588

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: M. Z. Woolard Date: 4/1/2020 Title: Facilities Director

☒ 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: _____

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**NOVATO HIGH SCHOOL OLD GYM BUILDING AND NUSD 819 OLIVE STREET BUILDING
ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT
CEQA EXEMPTION DISCUSSION**

Project Description

Existing Facilities

Novato High School (NHS), located at 625 Arthur Street, and the 819 Olive Street, Novato building are owned and operated by the Novato Unified School District. The NHS gym building is in a single-family residential neighborhood, and the Olive Street building is in a light industrial area across Railroad Avenue from single family houses. The proposed project would be located on the roof of each building.

Proposed Project

The existing approximately 11,000 sq. ft. roofing system on the NHS Old Gym building would be removed and replaced with 1" insulation, ¼-inch coverboard, an 80-mil membrane, and comp shingle roofs where required. Similar removal and replacement of 18,000 sq. ft. of roofing would occur on the 819 Olive Street building. Up to 5,000 sq. ft. of roof decking may be replaced, as determined necessary, at the two structures.

The old roofing material would be disposed of in an appropriate disposal facility.

The project would be constructed over a 3-month period, from May through August 2020.

Categorical Exemption Analysis

The project would be subject to the Class 1 and General Rule exemptions, as discussed below.

Class 1 Exemption

The CEQA Class 1 Exemption (Class 1-Existing Facilities [CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301]) applies to operation, repair, and maintenance of existing facilities. The proposed projects would consist of repairs and maintenance of the existing buildings' roofs. Therefore, this exemption would apply to the proposed project.

Analysis of Possible Exceptions to Class 1 Exemption

The exemption is 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 substantive projects are proposed for the NHS campus and Olive Street facility in 2020. The two project areas are fully-developed with residential and commercial/light industrial uses, and no substantial offsite

cumulative development is likely to occur at either site. Therefore, no potentially significant cumulative impacts would occur.

- **Scenic Highways.** This exception would apply if the project were to result in damage to scenic resources within a State-designated Scenic Highway corridor. Neither project would not be visible or alter any views from off-site areas as both would be replacements of existing roofing on existing buildings with similar-appearing roofing. In addition, there are no State Scenic Highways in the vicinity of either site. Neither project rooftop would be visible from a designated scenic highway, and neither is visible from any roadway, therefore this exception would not apply.
- **Hazardous Waste Sites.** There are no listed hazardous materials/hazardous waste sites listed on or in the vicinity of either project site (https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/map/?global_id=41490049 searched on March 25, 2020).
- **Historical Resources.** This exception would apply if the project were to potentially significantly adversely affect an historical resource. The proposed project includes no changes to the existing school (NHS) and maintenance/kitchen (Olive Street) buildings other than the re-roofing. The replacement roofing for both structures would be similar to the existing roofing 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 existing developed site and there is no potential for significant effect, therefore this exception would not apply.

General Rule Exemption

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 environmental review. In such cases, the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment (see CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)). CEQA Categorical Exemption exceptions do not apply to this exemption. As described above, the proposed roof replacement project does not have any potential to result in a significant impact to the physical environment. Therefore, this exemption would apply.

Conclusions

As discussed above, the project is within the parameters of the Class 1 Exemption and none of the exceptions to that exemption would apply. In addition, as described above, there is clearly no potential for any significant impacts, so the CEQA General Rule Exemption also would apply to the proposed project.