

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

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From: (Public Agency): San Mateo Union High School Di
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(Address)

Project Title: Burlingame High School Press Box Replacement Project

Project Applicant: San Mateo Union High School District

Project Location - Specific:

1 Mangini Way, Burlingame, CA. 94010

Project Location - City: Burlingame

Project Location - County: San Mateo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Removal of the existing football field press box and replacement with new 240-sq. ft. press box structure atop a 13-foot high support structure. See attached Project Description for additional information.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Mateo Union High School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Elizabeth McManus, Assistant Superintendent

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- Existing Facilities- Section 15301
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15061(b)(3)

Reasons why project is exempt:

Replacement of existing press box with new press box of substantially the same size and function would clearly have no potential significant impacts.

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: Elizabeth McManus Date: 5/8/2020 Title: Director, Business Service

☒ 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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BURLINGAME HIGH SCHOOL PRESS BOX REPLACEMENT PROJECT CEQA EXEMPTION DISCUSSION

Project Description

Existing Facilities

The Burlingame High School, located at 1 Mangini Way in Burlingame is owned and operated by the San Mateo Union High School District. The school is in a commercial and single-family residential neighborhood, with single family houses on Chatham Road and on Oak Grove Road east of Linden Street. The proposed project would be located on the south side of the school's football stadium, adjacent to a softball field, on the northwest side of the school campus. The proposed project site is directly behind the existing south bleachers.

Proposed Project

The project would remove the existing school press box atop the northern football field bleachers, and replace it with a new press box to be located behind the south bleachers. The new box would be 30 feet long by 8 feet wide, by about 10-feet tall, with a rooftop deck. It would be accessed by an exterior staircase. The structure would sit atop an approximately 13-foot-high metal support understructure. Three handicapped accessible, marked parking spaces would be provided at the base of the structure.

The project would be constructed over a 4-month period, from May through September 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 and minor expansions of existing facilities. The proposed project would consist of addition of a minor modification to the existing football stadium. Therefore, this exemption would apply.

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. With respect to cumulative projects re-turfing of a practice field also is proposed for the school campus in 2020. While some minor overlapping dust and air pollution impacts may occur, they would be far below any significance

thresholds. The project area is a fully-developed residential and commercial neighborhood, and no offsite cumulative development is likely to occur. 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. The project would not be visible in views from off-campus areas. In addition, there are no State Scenic Highways in the project area. The project site is not visible from a designated scenic highway, and is not visible from any roadway, therefore this exception would not apply.
- **Hazardous Waste Sites.** A portion of the Burlingame High School Campus is a listed hazardous waste site due to PCBs, lead, and arsenic in the soil (database search performed December 20, 2019). The remedy which was implemented in January 2009, included capping areas on the Site, which includes Area B (shot put), Area C (landscaped and/or concreted), Area D1 (near gym), Area D2 (south track), Area E (Front Lawn), Areas F1 & F2 (parkway), Area G2 (Home Economics Building lawn), Area G3 (fence line), and Area H (northern part of the synthetic turf track field). The caps create a barrier to prevent exposure to arsenic in the on-site soil. The caps consist of hardscape, soil caps, and/or landscaping. The new proposed press box area is outside of these areas (see: https://dtsc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2017/04/BurlingameHS_FS_dRAW_1105.pdf). http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report?global_id=41820008. Based on the results of the 5-Year Review of the cap and O&M plan, DTSC concluded that “the remedy continues to be protective of human health and the environment.” The project would have no effect on the cap or expose people to any contaminated areas.

Further, as specified in the O&M Plan (Locus, 2015), arsenic-intrusive work activities require notification to DTSC and preparation of a completion report if the duration is seven days or longer. Therefore, any excavation in contaminated areas would be reviewed and cleared by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control prior to approval.

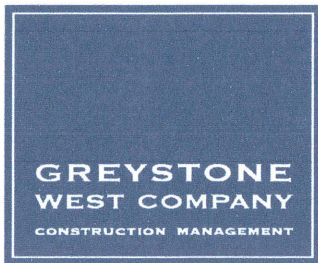
- **Historical Resources.** This exception would apply if the project were to potentially significantly adversely affect an historical resource. The proposed project includes no alterations to the existing school buildings, and therefore would not have the potential to adversely affect any historical 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 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 project does not have the 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 no potential for any significant impacts, so the CEQA General Rule Exemption also would apply to the proposed project.



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