

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

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County of: San Mateo

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

(Address)

Project Title: San Mateo Union High School District Security Electronic Surveillance Systems Upgrade F

Project Applicant: San Mateo Union High School District

Project Location - Specific:

Aragon High School, 900 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo; San Mateo High School, 506 North Delaware Street, San Mateo; Burlingame High School, 1 Mangini Way, Burlingame; Capuchino High

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project proposes to install exterior security cameras, and interior and exterior electrical connections and electronics associated with the surveillance systems, at each of the six high school campuses.

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

Name 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 small video cameras and associated electrical and electronic equipment on existing school buildings (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: Elizabeth McManus Date: 5/8/2020 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 Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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**SAN MATEO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT SECURITY ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE
SYSTEMS UPGRADES PROJECT
CEQA EXEMPTION DISCUSSION**

Project Description

Existing Facilities

The proposed security surveillance system upgrades would occur at six San Mateo Union High School District campuses:

- San Mateo High School, located at 506 North Delaware Street, San Mateo
- Aragon High School, 900 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo
- Burlingame High School, 1 Mangini Way, Burlingame,
- Capuchino High School, 1501 Magnolia Avenue, San Bruno
- Hillsdale High School, 3115 Del Monte Street, San Mateo
- Mills High School, 400 Murchison Drive, Millbrae

The proposed project would be located on and within existing school buildings at each high school.

Proposed Project

The project proposes to install exterior security cameras, and interior and exterior electrical connections and electronics associated with the surveillance systems, at each of the six high school campuses.

The project would be constructed over a 4-month period, from May through September 2020. update

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 minor interior and exterior alterations of existing facilities. The proposed project would consist of small exterior cameras, associated electrical conduits, minor alterations in wiring, and interior control units on and in existing school buildings. 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. While there are other projects proposed at the various high schools (i.e., athletics complex improvements at Mills and Capuchino High Schools), there is no possibility that the proposed project would contribute in a cumulatively considerable manner to any impacts of the other projects. Therefore, no potentially significant cumulative impacts would occur from the proposed project.
- **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 consists of small exterior cameras and associated exterior and interior electrical equipment, and would not be visible or alter any views from off-campus areas. The project improvements would not be visible from a designated scenic highway, therefore this exception would not apply.
- **Hazardous Waste Sites.** Several of the schools have had hazardous materials studies, as summarized below. However, the project proposes no ground-disturbing activities, therefore no impact would occur.
 - Aragon High School- No listed sites.
 - Hillsdale High School High School – No listed sites.
 - Capuchino High School – Although the Capuchino High School Campus is on a state database (database search performed November 29, 2017), contaminated soil was cleaned up between 2002 and 2004; no contamination is known to remain on the site: http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/deliverable_documents/4602482438/Phase%201%20determination%20%28204084%29.pdf.
 - Burlingame High School - 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.

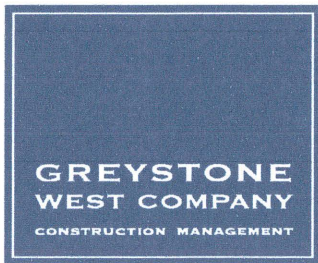
- Mills High School – No listed sites.
- San Mateo High School – No listed sites.
- **Historical Resources.** This exception would apply if the project were to potentially significantly adversely affect an historical resource. The proposed project includes minimal changes to the existing school buildings (addition of small cameras and associated electrical improvements). These 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 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 no potential for any significant impacts, so the CEQA General Rule Exemption also would apply to the proposed project.



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From Courtney Smith

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