

Notice of Exemption

To: ☐ Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Redwood City School District
750 Bradford Street
Redwood City, CA 94063

☒ San Mateo County Clerk-Recorder
555 County Center, 1st Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063-1665

Project Title: 2018-19 Planning for Our Future School Consolidation Plan

Project Applicant: Redwood City School District

Project Location - Specific: The project consists of the closure of multiple public school campuses in Redwood City, including Orion Elementary (815 Allerton St.); Adelante Spanish Immersion (3150 Granger Way); Hawes Elementary (909 Roosevelt Avenue) and Fair Oaks Community (2950 Fair Oaks Ave), and transfer of students to other ("receptor") campuses in the District.

Project Location - City: Redwood City

Project Location - County: San Mateo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The project consists of the closure of four public schools as of June 30, 2018 due to declining student enrollment and budget constraints, and the transfer of students attending those schools to other school campuses in the District. In addition, certain educational programs and charter schools will be relocated to closed sites.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Redwood City School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Redwood City 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 14 (Section 15314) - Minor additions to schools; Class 22 (Section 15322).
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Sec. 21080.18 Closure of public school/transfer of students

Reasons why project is exempt: The four proposed school closures are exempt from further review in accordance with Section 21080.18 because the transfer of students from closed schools to designated receptor schools (John Gill, Selby Lane, Taft, Henry Ford and Roosevelt Elementary Schools) can be accomplished without necessitating expansion of those schools beyond what is allowed under a Class 14 categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines, Section 15314). All designated receptor schools have existing original student capacity to accommodate all transferring students, and no expansion or physical changes are needed to any receptor school. Any school program or charter school that is relocated to one of the closed sites will be within such original student capacity limits as well. In addition, the relocation of charter schools and other educational programs to closed sites is exempt under a Class 22 categorical exemption and will constitute only a change in the type of educational program conducted on the site, and no physical alteration of such campuses will occur as a result of the relocation.

Lead Agency Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (650) 482-2200
Contact Person: John Baker, Superintendent

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding. Not applicable
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Signature:  Date: 11/29/18 Title: Superintendent

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for Filing: