Notice of Exemption

TO: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
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Oakland, California 94607

FROM: San Leandro Unified School District
14735 Juniper Street
San Leandro, California 94579

Project Title: John Muir Middle School Track and Athletic Fields Replacement Project and Woodrow Wilson Elementary School Play Structure Replacement Project

Project Location – Specific: John Muir Middle School (1444 Williams Street) and Woodrow Wilson Elementary School (1300 Williams Street)

Project Location — City: San Leandro **Project Location — County:** Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: See attached Exhibit A.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Leandro Unified School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Leandro Unified 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 2, Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction
- ☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: See attached Exhibit B.

Lead Agency Contact Person	**Area Code**	**Telephone**
Cindy Cathey, Superintendent , San Leandro Unified School District	510	667-3522

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: _____ Date: _____ Title: Superintendent

☒ Signed by Lead Agency
☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

EXHIBIT A

JOHN MUIR MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK AND ATHLETIC FIELDS REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND WOODROW WILSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAY STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Purpose

The purpose of the proposed project is to replace existing outdoor facilities located at the John Muir Middle School and the Woodrow Wilson Elementary School campuses with new facilities that meet current standards and program needs.

Project Beneficiaries

The new track and athletic facilities at John Muir Middle School (JMMS) would be used by JMMS students as part of the physical education curriculum; and the San Leandro community when not in use by JMMS. The new play structure at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School (WWES) would be used by WWES students for play activities during recess; and before and after school.

Project Description

The JMMS and WWES campuses are sited adjacent to each other along Williams Street. JMMS is located at the western part of the property and WWES at the eastern part of the property. At both campuses, the fields are located at the northern part of the property. The new facilities would offer the same type of physical education and athletic programs as those currently offered. The replacement facilities are described below.

JMMS Field and Track – The existing JMMS track and field would be demolished and replaced with new track and field facilities. The new facilities would be located at the same location as the existing facilities and would be built within the existing development footprint. The new field would be artificial turf, whereas the existing field is natural turf. The new track would be all weather, whereas the existing track is decomposed granite. An underground detention reservoir would be constructed to collect stormwater runoff from the new track and field. Use and capacity would be the same.

JMMS Softball Field - The existing JMMS softball field would be demolished and replaced with a new softball field. The new softball field would be constructed at the existing softball location and within the existing development footprint. The new softball field would be natural turf, as is the existing softball field. Use and capacity would be the same.

WWES Play Structure – The existing WWES play structure located to the north of the asphalt play area would be demolished and replaced with a new play structure at the same location and within the same development footprint. The playground asphalt adjacent to the play structure would be repaired and restriped. A walking path of decomposed granite would be installed around the perimeter of the existing play fields.

EXHIBIT B

JOHN MUIR MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK AND ATHLETIC FIELDS REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND WOODROW WILSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAY STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

REASONS FOR EXEMPTION

- The project would provide facilities similar to the existing facilities.
- The project would not increase the development footprint for each school campus.
- The project would not increase facilities capacity for each school campus.
- The project is designed to meet C.3 requirements to treat storm water from new impervious areas; in addition, drainage improvements will mitigate estimated increases in stormwater runoff using detention and regulated outflow at the John Muir Middle School campus to be less than pre-development rates[1].
- The project site is not located in a Fault Rupture Hazard Zone. Although the site is susceptible to liquefaction, the facilities will be designed to minimize damage due to liquefaction that may occur during a seismic event[2].
- The project will not include any PA systems or lighting for night games.
- Construction traffic will enter and leave the project site from Leonard Drive to avoid potential traffic impacts on Williams Street.

[1] Robert Henry, Carroll Engineering, email dated 2/19/13.
[2] Fugro Consultants, Inc., *Geotechnical Study John Muir Middle School Sports Field Improvements San Leandro, California.* April 2012.