

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Petaluma City Schools
200 Douglas Street
Petaluma, CA 94952

Project Title: Battery Energy Storage and Microgrid System

Project Applicant: Petaluma City Schools

Project Location - Specific: Casa Grande High School (333 Casa Grande Rd)

Project Location - City: Petaluma, CA **Project Location - County:** Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Petaluma City Schools ("District") is a school district with its main office located in Petaluma, CA. The District proposes to undertake a project to install battery energy storage and microgrid systems at District's school sites to provide the District with clean energy and backup power for the operation of the facilities ("Project"). The beneficiaries of the Project will be the District and the public.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Petaluma City Schools

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Petaluma City Schools

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 3 (14 CCR § 15303), Class 11 (14 CCR § 15311), and Class 14 (14 CCR, § 15314).
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Public Resources Code, § 21080.35

Reasons why project is exempt: The project involves new construction or conversion of small structures pursuant to section 15303, construction or placement of minor accessory structures to existing facilities pursuant to section 15311, and minor additions to existing schools pursuant to section 15314. The project will not result in any increase in capacity. The project is not located in a particularly sensitive environment and will not have cumulative impacts resulting from successive projects of the same type. There are no unusual circumstances.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Chris Thomas

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Signature:  Date: August 18, 2021 Title: Chief Business Officer

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: