

Mountain View Whisman School District

Resolution No. 01 - 060321

Determination that the Jose Antonio Vargas Elementary School Carport and Storage Building Project is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, Approving the Project, and Directing the Filing of the Notice of Exemption

WHEREAS, the Mountain View Whisman School District (“**District**”) has developed the Vargas Elementary School Carport and Storage Building Project (“**Project**”); and,

WHEREAS, the Project is located at the eastern parking lot of Jose Antonio Vargas Elementary School at 220 N. Whisman Road, Mountain View, CA 94043 (“**Site**”); and,

WHEREAS, the District must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (“**CEQA**”) for the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Project consists of the construction of a 4,500 square foot carport to protect people and property from falling pinecones and other debris and an approximately 1,000 square foot standalone storage building at the Site; and,

WHEREAS, categorical exemptions to CEQA are set forth in Article 19 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (“**CEQA Guidelines**”); and,

WHEREAS, the Class 3 Categorical Exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15303 exempts a project that consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and,

WHEREAS, the Class 11 Categorical Exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15311 exempts a project that consists of construction or placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Project consists of the construction and installation of a carport and storage building, which are limited in number and relatively small accessory structures and facilities on an existing public school campus, which is institutional and in an urban, built-up environment; and,

WHEREAS, the Class 14 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15314) applies to minor additions to existing schools that do not increase student capacity by more the 25% or 10 classrooms, whichever is less; and,

WHEREAS, the carport and storage building would entail minor additions to the Site that do not increase the school’s student capacity because students will not be housed in the structures; and,

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 provides certain exceptions that would disqualify a project from being categorically exempt; and,

WHEREAS, none of the exceptions apply here; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is found, determined and resolved by the Governing Board of the District (“**Board**”) as follows:

Section 1. The Project meets the definition of the Class 3 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15303), because the Project consists of the construction and installation of a carport and storage building which are a limited number of small new structures and facilities on an existing school site.

Section 2. The Project meets the definition of the Class 11 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15311) because the Project consists of the construction of minor structures and facilities accessory to an existing institutional facility.

Section 3. The Project meets the definition of the Class 14 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15314), because the Project consists of minor additions to an existing school site that will not increase original student capacity by more than twenty-five percent (25%) or ten (10) classrooms.

Section 4. There are no exceptions that would disqualify the Project from being categorically exempt.

Section 5. The applicable requirements of CEQA have been fulfilled for the Project.

Section 6. The Superintendent or the Superintendent’s designee is authorized and directed to file a Notice of Exemption consistent with this Resolution for the Project with the Santa Clara County Clerk.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Mountain View Whisman School District this day of June 3, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

Clerk of the Board of Trustees
Mountain View Whisman School District
Santa Clara County, California