

Mountain View Whisman School District

Resolution No. 01-102121

Determining that the LED Lighting Projects are Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, Deciding to Carry Out the Project, and Directing the Filing of the Notice of Exemption

WHEREAS, the Mountain View Whisman School District (“**District**”) has developed nine (9) separate LED lighting projects, each one consisting of the installation of light poles and/or bollard type fixtures in parking lots and paths of travel at existing District school campuses, and the Stevenson ES Project consists of the replacement of light fixture heads with new LED lights. (collectively, “**Projects**”); and,

	School Site Name	Address
1	Benjamin Bubb ES	525 Hans Ave., Mountain View, CA 94040
2	Gabriela Mistral-Mariano Castro ES	505 Escuela Ave., Mountain View, CA 94040
3	Crittenden MS	1701 Rock St., Mountain View, CA 94043
4	Graham MS	1175 Castro St., Mountain View, CA 94040
5	Amy Imai ES	253 Martens Ave., Mountain View, CA 94040
6	Edith Landels ES	115 West Dana St., Mountain View, CA 94041
7	Monta Loma ES	460 Thompson Ave., Mountain View, CA 94043
8	Stevenson ES/District Office	750 San Pierre Way, Mountain View, CA 94043
9	Theuerkauf ES	1625 San Luis Ave, Mountain View, CA 94043

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

WHEREAS, the Projects, except for Stevenson ES, consist of the installation of 12’ high LED light poles and bollard-type LED fixtures that will be located in either existing parking lots or paths of travel, or both. The lights will be controlled by photocell (on) and timer (off). The District will set the timing of the lights to switch off each evening and do not intend to keep the lights on all night. The Stevenson ES project consists of the replacement of 14 fixture heads with new LED lights; and,

WHEREAS, at Benjamin Bubb ES, 22, 12’ high LED light poles and three bollard-type LED fixtures will be installed. Eight light poles will be installed in the northwestern portion of the campus in and near the parking lot, nine light poles will be installed at the northern and northeastern portions of the campus in the parking lot and along the path of travel, four light poles and three bollard-type fixtures will be installed in the southwestern portion of the campus in the parking lot and along the path of travel; and,

WHEREAS, at Gabriela Mistral/Mariana Castro ES, 24, 12’ high LED light poles and ten bollard-type LED fixtures will be installed. Ten bollard-type fixtures will be installed along the northern portion of campus along the path of travel, thirteen light poles will be installed in the eastern

portion of the campus in and near the parking lot and path of travel, five light poles will be installed towards the center of campus just north of the park/field area along the path of travel and six light poles will be installed along the southwestern portion of the campus, west of the park/field area along the path of travel; and,

WHEREAS, at Crittenden MS, 19, 12' high LED light poles and three bollard-type LED fixtures will be installed. Two light poles will be installed in the northwestern portion of the campus in the parking lot, four light poles will be installed near the northern portion of campus near the north parking lot along the path of travel, thirteen light poles and three bollard-type fixtures will be installed in the eastern portion of the campus in the parking lot and along the path of travel; and,

WHEREAS, at Graham MS, 17, 12' high LED light poles will be installed. Four light poles will be installed in the western portion of the campus in the parking lot, eight light poles will be installed in the northern and northeastern portions of campus near the north and northeast parking lots and along the path of travel, five light poles will be installed in the southwestern portion of the campus in the parking lot and along the path of travel; and,

WHEREAS, at Amy Imai ES, 13, 12' high LED light poles will be installed in the northern portion of the campus in the parking lot and along the path of travel; and,

WHEREAS, at Edith Landels ES, nine, 12' high LED light poles will be installed in the northern portion of the campus in the parking lot and along the path of travel; and,

WHEREAS, at Monta Loma ES, 12, 12' high LED light poles will be installed in the northern and northeastern portions of the campus in the parking lots and along the paths of travel and eight bollard-type fixtures will be installed in center of the campus along the path of travel; and,

WHEREAS, at Stevenson ES/District Office, 14 fixture heads on existing light poles will be replaced with new LED lights. Four fixture heads will be replaced in the eastern portion of the campus in and near the parking lot. Ten fixture heads will be replaced in the southern portion of campus in and near the parking lots; and,

WHEREAS, at Theuerkauf ES, five, 12' high LED light poles and 16 bollard-type LED fixtures will be installed. Three light poles will be installed in the northern portion of the campus in the parking lot, two light poles will be installed in the eastern portion of campus in the parking lot, six bollard-type fixtures will be installed in the northwestern portion of campus along the path of travel, and ten bollard-type fixtures will be installed in the northeastern portion of the campus along the path of travel; 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 1 Categorical Exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15301 exempts a project that consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Examples include but are not limited to interior or

exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing and electrical conveyances; and,

WHEREAS, the Class 2 Categorical Exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15303 exempts a project that consists of replacement of existing structures and facilities where the new structure or facility will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; 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 Projects consist of the installation of a limited number of light poles and bollard-type fixture and replacement of fixture heads which are minor alterations to existing public facilities that will result in no expansion and are relatively small, accessory structures on existing public school campuses, which are institutional and in urban, built-up environments; and,

WHEREAS, the Project at Stevenson ES consists of replacing fixture heads on existing light poles on an existing public facility; 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 Projects meet the definition of the Class 1 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15301), because the Projects consist of the installation of a limited number of LED light poles and bollard-type LED fixtures, and the replacement of fixture heads, which are minor alterations to the exterior of the existing public school facilities, similar in nature to plumbing fixtures or electrical conveyances. Further, they involve no expansion of the existing public facilities.

Section 2. The Stevenson ES Project additionally meets the definition of the Class 2 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15302), because the Project consists of the replacement of fixture heads on existing light poles at an existing public facility.

Section 3. The Projects meet the definition of the Class 3 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15303), because the Projects consist of the installation of a limited number of light poles and/or bollard type fixtures, and the replacement of fixture heads, which are relatively small, accessory structures on existing public school facilities.

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 the attached Notice of Exemption 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 October 21, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

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

Attachment