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Facilities Department
San Francisco Unified School District
135 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Submitted to:

San Francisco Office of the County Clerk
City Hall, Room 160
One Dr Carlton B Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Office of Planning and Research
Submitted electronically via CEQASubmit

From: San Francisco Unified School District
135 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

PROJECT TITLE: *Ruth Asawa School of the Arts – Outdoor Design Lab Project*

Project Address: 555 Portola Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94131

Assessor's Parcel Number: 7560/003
County of: San Francisco

Project Description: The project consists of outdoor improvements including a deck, to existing school facilities.

The Project has been **approved by** and **will be carried out by** the San Francisco Unified School District.

Lead Agency Contact Person: LeeAnn Bailey, Grants and Compliance Manager
(bailey1@sfusd.edu)

Signature:



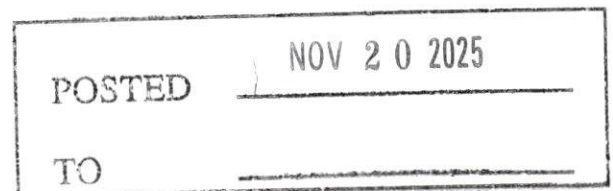
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EXEMPT STATUS

Categorically Exempt **Classes:** 1, 4 and 14

The Project meets the categorical exemptions of Class 1, 4 and 14.



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

Reason Project is Exempt: The Project described above is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Existing Facilities, Section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land and Section 15314 Minor Additions to Schools. The Project meets the conditions for these exemptions as explained below.

Existing Facilities (Class 1, Section 15301). The Project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Minor Alterations to Land (Class 4, Section 15304). The Project consists of minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The Project does not apply to grading in a waterway, in any wetland, in an officially designated scenic area, in officially mapped areas of severe geologic hazard, or within an official Seismic Hazard Zone.

Minor Additions to Schools (Class 14, Section 15314). The Project consists of minor additions within the existing school grounds and the additions do not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less.

Exceptions to Use of a Categorical Exemption:

A project does not have the potential to trigger any of the exceptions identified in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 prohibiting the use of a categorical exemption.

- a. **Location.** Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located - a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may, in a particularly sensitive environment, be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply in all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

Although the location exception does not apply to a Class 1 or 14 Categorical Exemptions, for the Class 4 Exemption, the environmental sensitivity of the Project site was assessed as part of preparation of this Notice of Exemption.

- b. **Cumulative Impact.** All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

The Project does not contribute to any cumulative impact as there are no ongoing projects at this site or adjacent projects as confirmed by the SF Planning database.

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- c. Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

The Project does not create any unusual circumstances.

- d. Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources including, but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.

Not applicable. The Project is not within proximity to a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.

- e. Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site that is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

Not applicable. The Project site is not on the Cortes List – State Database of Hazardous Sites.

- f. Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

Not applicable. The Project does not have a significant impact or substantial adverse change on a historical resource.

REFERENCES

California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). 2025. Envirostor.

<https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>. Accessed 10/15/2025.

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). 2025. List of Eligible and Officially Designated State Scenic Highways.

State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). 2025. GeoTracker.

<https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>. Accessed 10/15/2025.

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PROJECT TITLE		

RUTH ASAWA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS – OUTDOOR DESIGN LAB PROJECT

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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE
135 VAN NESS AVENUE	SAN FRANCISCO	CA
		ZIP CODE
		94102

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☐ Local Public Agency ☒ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 4,123.50 \$ _____
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 2,968.75 \$ _____
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,401.75 \$ _____

☒ Exempt from fee

☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)

☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$ 850.00 \$ _____
☒ County documentary handling fee \$ 84.00 \$ 84.00
☐ Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☒ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 84.00

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Mariadyne Nadonza Deputy Clerk