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BEFORE THE FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND THE FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

In the Matter Regarding Approval of a
Categorical Exemption from the California
Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the
Outdoor Learning Centers Project No.
C2022-28

Resolution No. 2024 - 04 (FCBE)
Resolution No. 2023 - 80 (FCSS)

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS) is proposing to construct outdoor learning centers at Beth Ramacher Educational Complex, Monte Vista School, Sutherland Center, Kermit Koontz Education Complex, and Violet Heintz Education Academy that provide increased opportunities for teaching and learning in and outdoor setting (Project); and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines are set forth in Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations (CEQA Guidelines); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15367, the FCSS is the Lead Agency for the Monte Vista School and Sutherland Center sites and the Fresno County Board of Education (FCBE) is the Lead Agency for the Beth Ramacher Educational Complex, Kermit Koontz Education Complex, and Violet Heintz Education Academy sites; and

WHEREAS, prior to construction of the Project, the Lead Agency must ensure the Project complies with the requirements of CEQA; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 sets forth a categorical exemption from CEQA for the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines Section 15311 sets forth a categorical exemption from CEQA for construction or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines Section 15314 sets forth a categorical exemption from CEQA for minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, the Project does not involve any of the following and so is eligible for categorical exemptions as described above under CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2:

- (a) the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, which over time are significant;
- (b) an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances;
- (c) 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;
- (d) a hazardous waste site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to section 65962.5 of the Government Code; and
- (e) a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

WHEREAS, the Project satisfies the conditions specified in Sections 15303, 15311, and 15314 as described in the Notice of Exemption for the Outdoor Learning Centers Project No. C2022-28, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Education and the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools adopt the foregoing recitals as true and correct, determine that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15303, 15311, and 15314, approve the Project, and authorize the Executive Director of Facilities & Operations to file a CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Project.

This Resolution is adopted by the Fresno County Board of Education at its meeting of January 18, 2024 by the following votes:

President James Martinez:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President Allen Clyde:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member Bryan Burton:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member Marcy Masumoto:	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Member Kimberly Tapscott-Munson:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>


James Martinez, President


This Resolution is adopted by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools as of the date immediately stated below as evident by her signature hereunder:


Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher, Superintendent

Date: 1/18/24

CERTIFICATION

I am the Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the Fresno County Board of Education and hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the full, true, and correct resolution duly passed and adopted by the Fresno County Board of Education on the date stated above.

By:  _____
Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the
Fresno County Board of Education

Date: 1/10/24