

Notice of Exemption

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Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of: Marin
3501 Civic Center Drive
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From: (Public Agency): Kentfield School District
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Kentfield, CA 94904

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Project Title: A E Kent Middle School Backup Generator Project

Project Applicant: Kentfield School District

Project Location - Specific:

800 College Avenue, Kentfield CA 94904

Project Location - City: Kentfield Project Location - County: Marin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project would consist of the installation of a new 200KW natural gas backup generator at the AE Kent Middle school campus. The project would benefit the security of students and staff at the school.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Kentfield School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Kentfield School District

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1 and 2, Sections 15301 and 15302
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project is a natural gas backup generator on existing school grounds. Therefore the project falls within the Class 1 exemption criteria. Exceptions to Class 1 and 2 exemptions have been reviewed and do not apply. See attached Discussion.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Michael Ghebreziabher Execu Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 415-306-7607

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? [X] Yes [] No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 8/16/24 Title: Director, Fiscal Services

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [] Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

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A E KENT MIDDLE SCHOOL BACKUP GENERATOR PROJECT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION DISCUSSION

Project Description

Existing Facilities

The A E Kent Middle School, located at 800 College Avenue in Kentfield, is owned and operated by the Kentfield School District. The school has a current enrollment of approximately 530 students.

The school is adjacent to commercial uses to the west, and commercial and light-industrial uses to the north, across Corte Madera Creek. The creek also wraps around the site to the east. The Kentfield campus of the College of Marin abuts the school to the south. The proposed backup generator site is located in a parking lot adjacent to the school driveway.

Proposed Project

The project would involve installation of a 200kW natural-gas-powered generator and connecting cables on a concrete pad in an approximately 4-ft. by 12-ft. outdoor site in an existing parking area at the school. Two parking stalls would be removed from use for the project. The project also would include switching hardware and subsurface cables to the existing school electrical box. The generator is intended for use during PG&E power shutoffs and outages.

The project would be constructed in 2024 or 2025 during one of the school breaks, when school is not in session (either spring, winter, or summer, depending on generator availability). No new or expanded uses of the school's buildings or grounds are proposed as part of this project.

Categorical Exemption Analysis

Class 1 Exemption

The CEQA Class 1 Exemption (Class 1-Existing Facilities [CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301]) applies to operation and minor expansions of existing facilities. It includes upgrades of existing building interiors and exteriors, demolition and removal of small structures, addition of safety or health protection devices, restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated structures, and additions to existing structures that will not result in an increase of more than 50% of the floor area before the addition, or 2500 sq. ft., whichever is less.

The proposed project would consist of a small addition (the generator) to the existing school. The generator also would be for protection of student health and safety in case of a power shutdown. It would not add to the school's building area or affect any uses at the school. Therefore, this exemption would apply.

exemption would apply to the proposed project. In addition, as described above, CEQA's General Rule exemption also would apply to this project.