

ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Alameda, California
Resolution

December 8, 2015

Resolution No. 2015-2016.35

**RESOLUTION REGARDING CEQA CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
FOR THE APPROVED OTIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MEASURE I PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Alameda Unified School District (“District”) has developed the Frank Otis Elementary School (“Otis”) Measure I-funded project described below, in the schematic design materials and Notice of Exemption attached hereto, and in the relevant portions of the District’s Facilities Master Plan, each of which is incorporated as if fully set forth herein (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project is designed to replace outdated and substandard facilities and provide an increase in the capacity of Otis’s campus located at 3010 Fillmore Street, Alameda, CA, and will consist of the following work:

- Removal of three aging portable classrooms;
- Relocation of three existing portable classrooms to a new location on the existing school grounds;
- Construction of a new two-story school building on the existing school grounds with six classrooms, two “break-out” spaces, one staff restroom, and a custodial room;
- Creation of new outdoor learning spaces on the existing school footprint; and
- Security, technology, and communications upgrades; and

WHEREAS, title 14, section 15314 of the California Code of Regulations provides that minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by ten classrooms or more than 25%, whichever is less, are categorically exempted from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”); and

WHEREAS, based on the existing number of classrooms at Otis and class size limits imposed by state law and/or applicable collective bargaining agreements, Otis currently has the capacity to serve 736 students; and

WHEREAS, the Project will increase Otis’s capacity by three classrooms which, based on class size limits imposed by state law and/or applicable collective bargaining agreements, would increase Otis’s student capacity by a maximum of 96 students or approximately 13%; and

WHEREAS, title 14, section 15301 of the California Code of Regulations provides that the repair or minor alteration of existing public structures involving negligible or no expansion of use is categorically exempted from CEQA; and

WHEREAS, Otis is already extensively used during the year by both school and non-school users; and

WHEREAS, the relocation and upgrading of existing facilities at Otis will not expand the use of the Otis campus; and

WHEREAS, Otis has sufficient water supply capacity, sewer capacity, and storm water capacity to accommodate the Project; and

WHEREAS, the District retained Douglas Herring & Associates as a consultant to review the Project and determine whether any unusual circumstances existed that would negate the use of the CEQA categorical exemptions set forth above; and

WHEREAS, the consultant identified no unusual circumstances negating the use of the exemptions set forth above; and

WHEREAS, the District is unaware of any unusual circumstances negating the use of the exemptions set forth above; and

WHEREAS, the Otis campus is not a historical resource pursuant to the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, the Otis campus is not on a list of hazardous waste sites;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is found and resolved as follows based on good cause and the entirety of the record before the Board:

- 1. The above recitals are true and correct.
- 2. The Project meets the requirements of 14 C.C.R. §§ 15314 and/or 15301.
- 3. There are no known circumstances disqualifying the Project from being categorically exempt from review under CEQA.
- 4. The Project is categorically exempt from CEQA.
- 5. Staff is directed to file a Notice of Exemption in the form attached hereto with the Clerk-Recorder's Office of the County of Alameda and the Office of Planning and Research.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following vote this 8th day of December, 2015:

AYES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

NOES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

ABSENT: _____ MEMBERS: _____

Solana Henneberry, President
Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District

ATTEST:

By: _____
Sean McPhetridge, Superintendent
Secretary of the Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District