

**BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD  
OF THE COALINGA-HURON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 25/17-18**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING MODERNIZATION PROJECTS AT MULTIPLE  
SCHOOL SITES AND MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE  
FILING OF A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL  
QUALITY ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the Coalinga-Huron Unified School District (“District”) is eligible for state match funding and is preparing the documentation to meet the requirements related to its application for funding for six modernization projects to update existing facilities at multiple school sites (“Projects”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Cheney-Bishop Elementary Schools Modernization Project consists of replacing the galvanized plumbing with copper plumbing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dawson-Sunset Elementary School Modernization Project consists of replacing the old chiller yard and ventilation units with new fixtures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Huron Elementary School Modernization Project consists of replacing classroom window walls, HVAC units, bathroom remodel, shade structures and staff parking lot; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coalinga Middle School Modernization Project consists of replacing the small chiller to air conditioner in the gym; and

**WHEREAS**, the Huron Middle School Modernization Project consists of replacing the small chiller to air conditioner in the gym; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coalinga High School Modernization Project consists of replacing the chiller to an HVAC unit in the girls’ locker room and small gym; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to be eligible for state funding, the District is required to prepare design plans for each of the Projects and obtain State approval from both the Division of the State Architect (“DSA”) and the California Department of Education (“CDE”); and

**WHEREAS**, on February 14, 2017, the Governing Board of the District authorized Mangini Associates, Inc. (“Architect”) to prepare plans for the Projects under the direction of DSA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Architect has completed the plans for the Projects and all the plans have been submitted to DSA and await final approval; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to streamline approval from the CDE, the District desires to request that the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (“State Superintendent”) grant an exemption pursuant to Title 5 California Code of Regulations section 14030(r) which authorizes the Governing Board to request an exemption from the State Superintendent “if the district can demonstrate that the educational appropriateness and safety of a school design would not be compromised by an alternative to that standard;” and

**WHEREAS**, the Architect has prepared plan summaries of the Projects that demonstrate the educational appropriateness and safety of a school design will not be compromised in accordance with section 14030(r); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board’s approval of the Projects and plan submission constitute projects for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”); and

**WHEREAS**, each of the Projects is categorically exempt from further CEQA evaluation under one or more of the following exemptions found in the Guidelines for CEQA, California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 13 (“State CEQA Guidelines”): (1) projects consisting of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use (“Class 1 Exemption”; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15301); (2) projects consisting of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced structure (“Class 2 Exemption”; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15302); (3) projects consisting of the new construction or conversion of small structures (“Class 3 Exemption”; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15303); (4) projects consisting of the construction or placement of minor accessory structures to existing facilities (“Class 11 Exemption”; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15311); and (5) projects consisting of minor additions to existing schools (“Class 14 Exemption”; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15314); and

**WHEREAS**, the Projects do not involve any of the following and so are eligible for a categorical exemption as described above under State 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; and

**WHEREAS**, upon determining that Projects are exempt from CEQA, the District is entitled to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15062.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Projects are approved and the District Superintendent or her designee may take all necessary action to proceed consistent with this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District Superintendent or her designee is hereby authorized to request that the State Superintendent exempt the Projects pursuant to Title 5 California Code of Regulations section 14030(r).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Projects are hereby found to be categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to the Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, Class 11 and Class 14 Exemptions, as described above.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District Superintendent or her designee is hereby authorized and directed to file and process a Notice of CEQA Exemption for the Projects in accordance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines, and the findings set forth in this resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Governing Board of the Coalinga-Huron Unified School District on March 27, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Johny Albrecht, President  
Governing Board  
Coalinga-Huron Unified School District  
Fresno County, California

CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE  
AND CORRECT COPY:

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Maria Zavala, Clerk  
Governing Board  
Coalinga-Huron Unified School District  
Fresno County, California