

**SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION NO. 34/20-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOR DETERMINING THAT THE TURF REPLACEMENT PROJECTS AT BAYSIDE,
AUDUBON, BREWER ISLAND, FIESTA GARDEN, AND GEORGE HALL ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL CAMPUSES ARE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY ACT, DECIDING TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECTS, AND DIRECTING THE
FILING OF A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS, the San Mateo-Foster City School District (“District”) developed five (5) turf replacement projects, each one consisting of the removal of grass and installation of artificial turf at five (5) separate existing District school campuses (“Projects”); and

WHEREAS, each of the Projects are located within existing school campuses at the following locations (“Sites”):

	School Site Name	Address
1	Bayside Academy	2025 Kehoe Ave, San Mateo, CA 94403
2	Audubon Elementary School	841 Gull Ave, Foster City, CA 94404
3	Brewer Island Elementary School	1151 Polynesia Dr., Foster City, CA 94404
4	Fiesta Garden Elementary School	1001 Bermuda Dr., San Mateo, CA 94403
5	George Hall Elementary School	130 San Miguel Way, San Mateo, CA 94403

WHEREAS, the Projects consist of the removal of existing grass areas, installation of synthetic turf to replace the grass areas, and associated landscaping, pavement, and drainage improvements. The Proposed Projects will also include removal of non-native, ornamental trees from the grass areas; and

WHEREAS, the Project at Bayside Academy will consist of the removal of approximately 116,092 square feet of existing grass and installation of approximately 119,320 square feet of synthetic turf, demolition of the irrigation system, and demolition of the pavement along the south side of the field; and

WHEREAS, the Project at Audubon Elementary School will consist of the removal of approximately 64,490 square feet of existing grass and installation of approximately 63,891 square feet of synthetic turf, demolition of the irrigation system and the pavement along the south, southwest, and west side of the field, and removal of non-native, ornamental trees from the grass area; and

WHEREAS, the Project at Brewer Island Elementary School will consist of the removal of approximately 42,759 square feet of existing grass and installation of approximately 40,309 square feet of synthetic turf, demolition of the irrigation system and pavement, and removal of non-native, ornamental trees from the grass area; and

WHEREAS, the Project at Fiesta Garden Elementary School will consist of the removal of approximately 21,047 square feet of existing grass and installation of approximately 22,651 square feet of synthetic turf, and demolition of the irrigation system; and

WHEREAS, the Project at George Hall Elementary School will consist of the removal of approximately 19,604 square feet of existing grass and installation of approximately 19,656 square feet of synthetic turf, demolition of pavement, and removal of non-native, ornamental trees from the grass area; and

WHEREAS, categorical exemptions to CEQA are set forth in Article 19 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (“CEQA Guidelines”); and

WHEREAS, the Class 2 Categorical Exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15302, exempts a project that consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure or facility will be located on the same site as the structure or facility replaced and will substantially have the same purpose and capacity as the structure or facility replaced, including facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity; and

WHEREAS, here, the Projects consist of the removal of grass and installation of synthetic turf and associated landscaping, irrigation, and drainage improvements on existing public District school campuses, which will have the same use and involve no expansion of use or capacity; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2(c) provides certain exceptions that except the use of the Class 2 Categorical Exemption: 1) where the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place would be significant over time; (2) a significant environmental impact would occur due to unusual circumstances; (3) a project that would cause damage to scenic elements within a designated state scenic highway; (4) a project that is on a site designated as a Hazardous Waste Site; and (5) a project that causes a substantial adverse change to a historical resource. Here, (1) the District has not proposed any successive projects at the same location, (2) there are no unusual circumstances caused by the Projects, (3) the Projects are not within a scenic highway, (4) the Projects are not on a Hazardous Waste site, and (5) the Projects will not affect existing buildings or structures. Thus, none of the exceptions apply here.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for good and sufficient cause based on the entire record of proceedings, the San Mateo-Foster City School District Board of Trustees hereby finds a follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The Projects are replacements or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities which are located on the same existing schools and will substantially have the same purposes and capacities as the existing structures and facilities.
3. The Projects are exempt under the Class 2 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15302).

- 4. None of the exceptions to the Class 2 Categorical Exemption exist.
- 5. The applicable requirements of CEQA have been fulfilled for the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby decides to carry out the Projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent or the Superintendent’s designee is authorized and directed to file a Notice of Exemption for the Projects with the San Mateo County Clerk.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the San Mateo-Foster City School District Board of Trustees duly held on May 26, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES	_____

NOES	_____

ABSENT	_____

Attest:

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Secretary to the Board