

**BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
PATTERSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF STANISLAUS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION # 11062017-A

**RESOLUTION MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF
A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY ACT ("CEQA") REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION AND
INSTALLATION OF LIGHTING AND SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ELECTRIC
SYSTEMS AT DISTRICT SITES**

WHEREAS, the Patterson Unified School District ("District") has endorsed the goal of energy efficiency and directed staff to develop energy efficient practices for use at existing District sites; and

WHEREAS, the District is planning to construct, install, operate and maintain photovoltaic systems, ("Project") on existing properties in the locations identified in Attachment A, incorporated herein as if fully set forth; and

WHEREAS, the District analyzed the Project under the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act as set forth in Public Resources Code section 21000, *et seq.* ("CEQA"); and

WHEREAS, the Sites are on property currently and historically utilized by the District; and

WHEREAS, the Guidelines for the CEQA, California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 13 ("State CEQA Guidelines"), exempt certain projects from further CEQA evaluation, including the following:

- A. Projects consisting of minor alterations of existing structures or facilities ("Class 1 Exemption": Cal. Code Regs. Title 14. Section 15301);
- B. Projects consisting of the new construction or conversion of small structures ("Class 3 Exemption": Cal. Code Regs. Title 14. Section 15303);
- C. Projects consisting of the construction or placement of minor accessory structures to existing facilities ("Class 11 Exemption": Cal. Code Regs. Title 14. Section 15311);
- D. Projects consisting of minor additions to existing schools ("Class 14 Exemption": Cal. Code Regs. Title 14. Section 15314);
- E. Projects consisting of the installation of a cogeneration project that is 50MW or less in net generating capacity located at existing facilities ("Class 29 Exemption": Cal. Code Regs. Title 14. Section 15329);

and the Project is categorically exempt under one or more of such exemptions;

WHEREAS, the Project is eligible for categorical exemptions as described above, and based on the findings below, under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 because it does not involve any of the following:

- 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, Public Resources Code, section 21080.35 statutorily exempts from CEQA evaluation the installation of a solar energy system, including associated equipment, on the roof of an existing building or at an existing parking lot;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board has reviewed the Project and finds that the Project is hereby exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Class 1, Class 3, Class 11, Class 14, and Class 29 Exemptions, as described above;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent or his designee is authorized to prepare and file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk of [Insert County Name] County pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15062, and is authorized to take such actions and execute such agreements and documentation necessary to affect the intent of this Resolution.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Patterson Unified School District, Stanislaus County, California, on this ____th day of _____, 2017, at a duly noticed meeting, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

_____, President

ATTEST:

_____, Clerk

ATTACHMENT A
TO RESOLUTION No. 11062017-A

