NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(State Guidelines § 15062)

TO:

[X] County Clerk

COUNTY OF MERCED 2222 M Street, 1st Floor Merced, CA 95340

[X] California Office of Planning & Research [filed electronically]

1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM:

[X] Merced Community College District

3600 M Street Merced, CA 95348

Project Name:

Formation of School Facilities Improvement District No. 2024-1 of the Merced Community College District, calling one or more General Obligation Bond Elections within School Facilities Improvement District No. 2024-1 of the Merced Community College District and sale of one or

more series of General Obligation Bonds or equivalent securities

Project Location: The Project encompasses certain territory within the boundaries of the Merced Community College District ("College District"). A copy of the boundary map of School Facilities Improvement District No. 2024-1 ("Improvement District No. 2024-1") is attached hereto as Attachment "A" and incorporated herein by this reference. A more detailed description of the boundaries of Improvement District No. 2024-1 is on file at the College District's business offices, located at the above-referenced address, and is available for public review upon request.

Project Location: (City) The District's boundaries include territory within the

incorporated Cities of Merced, Los Banos and Atwater, and unincorporated County territory in Merced and Fresno

Counties

(County) Merced –

unincorporated territory within the County of Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

On June 11, 2024, the Board of Trustees ("Board") of the College District adopted Resolution No. 24-20 stating its intention to form a school facilities improvement district (Improvement District No. 2024-1) within the boundaries of the College District, pursuant to Division 1, Title 1, Part 10, Chapter 2 of the California Education Code, commencing with Section 15300, for the sole purpose of calling one or more general obligation bond elections (each an "Election") within Improvement District No. 2024-1.

The purpose of such Election(s) would be to seek voter authorization to issue bonds in order to design, construct, replace, upgrade and/or modernize public educational facilities, and related capital projects and expenditures, for the current and future diverse educational needs of students in the community.

The actions taken to form Improvement District No. 2024-1 and to call and conduct the Election(s) are ministerial and administrative in nature. No other facilities projects or other legislative approvals are made or approved by this action. No environmental impact will result from this action.

Bonds of Improvement District No. 2024-1 will be issued only if the required majority of those voting on such measure(s) within Improvement District No. 2024-1 vote in favor of such measure. If the measure(s) is approved, bonds will be issued solely for purposes identified in the bond measure. If such measure is not approved, bonds will not be issued. The anticipated beneficiaries of such voter authorization(s) would include students and landowners within the District, and the community as a whole.

Individual construction projects which may be financed through bonds of Improvement District No. 2024-1 will be subject to independent review under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") prior to approval or construction. No bond funds will be expended on any facilities project until such project has completed the applicable or necessary CEQA review.

The purpose of the Election is to seek voter authorization to issue bonds in order to design and construct adequate school facilities for the diverse educational needs of students in the community. The anticipated beneficiaries of such voter authorization would include students and landowners within the District, and the community as a whole.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:		Merced Community College District	
		Merced Community College District	
Exempt Sta	atus: (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));		
	Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:		
	Statutory Exemptions. State code number:		
\boxtimes	Activity Is Not A Project (Sec. 15061(h)(3)):		

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The Election is exempt from the requirements of CEQA because the activity is not a "project" as defined under CEQA, as it can be determined with certainty that the Election within territory of the College District will not have a significant effect on the environment (see 14 CCR 15061(b)(3)). The calling and conducting of the Election is similar to the act of forming a community facilities district and conducting a qualified special tax and bond authorizations for

such community facilities district, actions which have been held to not have a significant effect on the environment, and thus do not constitute a "project" for purposes of CEQA, as further described in *Kaufman & Broad – South Bay v. Morgan Hill* (1992) 9 Cal.App.6th 666, 11 Cal.Rptr.2d. 792. The District's Board of Trustees has made such a finding in conjunction with the proceedings for the formation of Improvement District No. 2024-1 and calling such Election(s).

Contact Person: President of the Board of Trustees

Merced Community College District

3600 M Street Merced, CA 95348

Telephone (209) 384-6100

If filed by applicant: Not Applicable

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?

Local agencies may file this form with the county clerk pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152(b). Local agencies filing a Notice of Exemption pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152 shall file such Notice electronically with the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research as set out in Public Resources Code Section 21152(d). The filing of the notice starts a thirty-five (35) day statute of limitations on court challenges to the approval of the project under Public Resources Code Section 21167(d). Failure to file the notice results in the statute of limitations being extended to one hundred eighty (180) days. The information filed by state agencies is maintained at the Office of Planning and Research, 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, California 95814; telephone (916) 322-2318.

Date: June 11, 2024

Mario Mendoza, Clerk of the Board of Trustees,

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Merced Community College District

ATTACHMENT "A" MAP OF PROPOSED BOUNDARIES OF SFID NO. 2024-1

