



Fresno County Board of Education

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BEFORE THE FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Scout Island North Property
Declarations

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 18

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Board of Education ("Board") is the owner of the following real property: APN 049-093-06, APN 049-093-08, and APN 049-093-10, adjacent land parcels located on the north side of the San Joaquin River, in Madera County, commonly and collectively referred to as Scout Island North ("the Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property comprises approximately 67 acres of open-space, undeveloped riparian land roughly depicted in Exhibit A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Property contains no school buildings or school spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Property has never previously been operated as, nor was constructed to be operated as, an early childhood education facility or as a school for elementary and secondary instruction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Code sections 17388 and 17463.7, subdivision (e)(1), the Board is exempt from the requirement to convene a 7-11 Advisory Committee ("Committee") pursuant to Education Code sections 17387, *et seq.*, to advise the Board regarding the use or disposition of the Property or to receive a recommendation from the Committee for the purpose of disposing of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the intention of the Board is that the Property will be preserved as open space for agricultural, conservation, education, and recreation purposes, consistent with the San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan, as adopted by the San Joaquin River Conservancy, a state agency; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the above-expressed intention, the Board intends to transfer ownership of the Property to the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust, Inc., functioning as a third-party intermediary on behalf of the San Joaquin River Conservancy, in furtherance of the San Joaquin River Conservancy's use of the Property, consistent with its adopted San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Property is not, and upon the sale thereof or at the time of delivery of possession, will not be needed for school classroom buildings or pupil instruction; and

WHEREAS, Education Code sections 17388, *et seq.*, address the disposal of excess school district property; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 54221, subdivision (f)(1)(D), includes additional requirements related to surplus property, but defines "exempt surplus property" to include excess

school district real property that will be transferred to a third-party intermediary for future dedication for the use of a state agency; and

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15367, the Board is the Lead Agency for the Project; and

WHEREAS, prior to the Project, the Lead Agency must ensure the Project complies with the requirements of CEQA; and

WHEREAS, the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15317 categorically exempts from the California Environmental Quality ACT ("CEQA") the acceptance of fee interests in order to maintain the open space character of an area; and

WHEREAS, the Project satisfies the conditions specified in Section 15317, as described in the Notice of Exemption, attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15325 categorically exempts from CEQA transfers of ownership of interests in land in order to preserve open space, habitat, existing natural conditions, and to prevent encroachment development into flood plains; and

WHEREAS, the Project satisfies the conditions specified in Section 15325, as described in the Notice of Exemption, attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Board that the Property's open space character be preserved by the transfer of the Property's ownership to the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust, for the benefit of the San Joaquin River Conservancy, consistent with the adopted San Joaquin River Parkway Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Education

1. Adopts the foregoing recitals are adopted as true and correct.
2. Declares the Property is surplus property that the Board will not need for school or related purposes at the time of delivery of possession.
3. Declares the Property is governed by Education Code section 17388, and in light of the application of that section, pursuant to Government Code section 54221, subdivision (b)(1) and Government Code section 554221, subdivision (f)(1)(D), as modified by Assembly Bill 1486, the Board hereby declares that the Property is "exempt surplus land" under the California Surplus Land Act (Government Code sections 54220, *et seq.*).
4. Declares the Property is categorically exempt from CEQA proceedings, pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15317.
5. Declares the Property is categorically exempt from CEQA proceedings, pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15325.

6. Authorizes and directs the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools and her designee(s) and consultants to proceed with all necessary steps to sell the Property in accordance with the law and the term of this Resolution.


This Resolution is adopted by the Fresno County Board of Education at its meeting of April 17, 2025 by the following votes:

President Allen Clyde:	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vice President Marcy Masumoto:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member Bryan Burton:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member Itzi Robles:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member Kimberly Tapscott-Munson:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>


Marcy Masumoto, Vice President

CERTIFICATION

I am the Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the Fresno County Board of Education and hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the full, true, and correct resolution duly passed and adopted by the Fresno County Board of Education on the date stated above.

By: 
Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the
Fresno County Board of Education

Date: 4/17/25