

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:**  **Office of Planning and Research**  
 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

**County Clerk**  
**County of** San Bernardino  
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue  
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0130

**From: (Public Agency)** Needles Unified School District  
1900 Erin Drive  
Needles, CA 92363

Vista Colorado Elementary School New Kindergarten Building

**Project Title**

700 Bailey Avenue

**Project Location - Specific**

Needles

San Bernardino

**Project Location – City**

**Project Location – County**

Removal of the play equipment and installation of three modular classroom buildings, connected as one building, and a play yard. Site clearance and preparation is anticipated to start in June 2020. Beneficiaries of the project include Needles Unified School District and school staff and students because of the campus upgrades and improved learning environment.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project**

Needles Unified School District

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project**

Needles Unified School District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project**

**Categorical Exemption**

**Exempt Status:**

- 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: 14 CCR §15314 Class 14, Minor Additions to Schools.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Class 14, Minor Addition to Schools (CEQA Guidelines § 15314), consists of minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase the original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less. The addition of modular classroom buildings is included in this exemption.

The project includes removal of play equipment and installation of three modular classroom buildings and a play yard. The site is within existing school grounds and the classroom addition would not exceed ten classrooms. The classrooms could accommodate as many as 81 students (27 students x 3 classrooms), which is an increase of 20% over the existing enrollment at the elementary school (408 students). The increase in student capacity is less than the maximum 25% increase allowed under the Class 14 exemption. The project qualifies under the criteria for an exemption under CEQA Guidelines § 15314. A review of the possible exceptions to the exemption, as outlined under CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2, determined that no characteristics or circumstances would invalidate findings that the project is exempt from CEQA (see "Supplement to Notice of Exemption").

**Reasons why project is exempt**

Dr. Mary McNeil, Superintendent

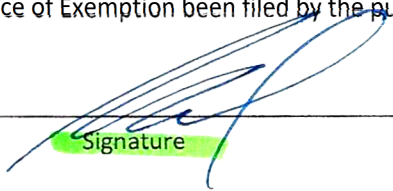
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Lead Agency Contact Person

Area Code/Telephone/Extension

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption findings
- 2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project  Yes  No



Superintendent

6/17/2020

Title

Date

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

**Jun 19 2020**

Date Received for Filing: \_\_\_\_\_

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