

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

From: Newport-Mesa Unified School District
2985 Bear Street, Building E
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

County Clerk
County of Orange
12 Civic Center Plaza, Room 101
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Estancia High School Theater Project
Project Title

2323 Placentia Ave
Project Location - Specific

Costa Mesa
Project Location - City

Orange
Project Location - County

The proposed project consists of the construction of a 350-seat theater; site improvements, including landscaping, development of walkways and plazas; reconfiguration of the existing parking lot and bus drop-off zone; and installation of security fencing. To support school security and circulation, campus access would be restricted to designated access points. The new theater would not increase student capacity and would benefit students, staff, and visitors.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Newport-Mesa Unified School District
Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Newport-Mesa Unified School District
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

Exempt Status: (check one below)

- 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: Class 2, CCR §15302, Replacement or Reconstruction; and Class 14, CCR §15314, Minor Additions to Schools

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

The project involves construction of a new 350-seat performing arts theater, the removal of a parking lot at the proposed site and relocation and modification of the bus drop off zone to support the new construction. The project would install improved security fencing surrounding the project and directing campus access to the main gates. Additional landscaped areas and entry plazas near the theater would be developed. No expansion of existing school capacity or changes in facility use would occur; therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15302 and 15314. The proposed project was also reviewed for possible exceptions under Section 15300.2 and found that the exceptions do not apply. See Attachment to Notice of Exemption for further explanation of the evaluation, which is available for review at the Facilities Department, Building E.

Reasons why project is exempt

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Director of Facilities Development

Contact Person:

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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

Date

Received for

Filing: _____

Signature: _____

A. Zareczny

Title: _____