



Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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From: San Diego Unified School District
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San Diego, CA 92101

Project Title: Whitman Elementary School Whole Site Modernization and Joint Use Field Project

Project Applicant: San Diego Unified School District – 619-913-2999

Project Location – Specific: Whitman Elementary School, 4050 Appleton St, San Diego, CA 92117

Project Location - City: San Diego Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed Whole Site Modernization (WSM) elements at Whitman Elementary School (ES) would include circulation/drop-off improvements, including the construction of a new parking lot; modernization of existing facilities (new flooring, doors and hardware, windows, lighting, painting, and whiteboards/tack boards); additions to the existing administration building to create a new single point of access; and upgrades to the school kitchen. The campus modernization would also include an ADA path of travel and sidewalk upgrades. The Proposed Project would also include the construction of a new 2.64 acre Joint Use Field (JUF), walking track, and related amenities. The Proposed Project would not increase the number of classrooms, capacity, or enrollment. Construction of the Proposed Project is anticipated to commence in January of 2023 and would be completed by February of 2025. Construction of the Proposed Project would occur in two continuous phases, and construction of the JUF would occur once the WSM improvements have been completed.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Diego Unified School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Diego Unified School District

Exempt Status: (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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: §15301 – Existing Facilities, §15303 – New Construction/ Conversion of Existing Structures, §15314 – Minor Additions to Schools, and §15323 – Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

None of the exceptions specified In CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply. See SDUSD Board Agenda Item regarding the Whitman Elementary School Whole Site Modernization Project and Joint Use Field.

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If filed by applicant:

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

Signature: Gary Stanford Date: Nov 10, 2020 Title: Director of Project Management
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[X] Signed by Lead Agency [] Signed by Applicant




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