

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
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From: ABC Unified School District
16700 Norwalk Blvd
Cerritos, CA 90703

County Clerk
County of Los Angeles
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

Solar Energy Project - Furgeson Elementary School
Project Title

22215 Elaine Avenue
Project Location - Specific

Hawaiian Gardens
Project Location - City

Los Angeles
Project Location - County

ABC Unified School District proposes to install two solar energy arrays on elevated carport-like structures (Structures A and B) at Furgeson Elementary School. Structure A would be located over a grass field north of the kindergarten playground toward the center of the campus, and Structure B would be located over asphalt courts to the northeast of Structure A between the playfield and the school building. Structures A and B would be a minimum of 10-foot high and comprised of metal columns and beams supporting array panels. Structure A would consist of 231 photo-voltaic (PV) modules tilted at a 7-degree angle, and Structure B would consist of 162 PV modules tilted at 7 degrees angle. The solar system would have the combined direct current (DC) system size of 165.060 kilowatts (kW), 97.020 kW for Structure A and 68.040 kW for Structure B. The structures would connect to an existing electrical equipment box in the surface parking lot in the front of the campus by installing approximately 434 feet of underground conduit through directional boring that would pass through asphalt court and concrete paving. The project would also provide underground conduit for installation of car chargers in the future. However, installation of car chargers require additional funding and would not be installed at this time. The District and general community will benefit from a reduction in energy consumption and reduced energy costs.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

ABC Unified School District
Name of Public Agency Approving Project

ABC 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: §15301 Class 1, Existing Facilities, §15303 Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, §15314 Class 14, Minor Addition to Schools
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

The project involves the construction of solar energy panels on elevated structures. The proposed solar array will not result in an increase in student capacity or an expansion of existing use. No off-campus improvements will occur. Existing use of the facility as an elementary school will stay the same under the proposed project. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA under Sections 15301, 15303, 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 at the ABC Unified School District Office, 16700 Norwalk Blvd, Cerritos, CA 90703.

Reasons why project is exempt

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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: 3/30/21
Signature:  Title: BOND PROGRAM MANAGER