

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

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 - Gahr High School  
Project Title

11111 Artesia Boulevard  
Project Location - Specific

Cerritos  
Project Location - City

Los Angeles  
Project Location - County

The District proposes to install solar energy arrays on five elevated carport structures (Structures A through E) at Gahr HS. Structures A through E would be installed in the parking lot located to the west of the main school buildings. The carports would be a minimum of 13-foot high and consist of metal columns and beams supporting array panels. Structures A through D would each have 306 photo-voltaic (PV) modules with direct current (DC) system size of 128.520 kilowatts (kW), and Structure E would have 204 PV modules with 54.600 kW DC system size, all tilted at a 7-degree angle. Therefore, there would be a combined total of 1,428 PV modules and the total DC system size would be 599.760 kW. Approximately 530 feet of conduits would be installed by directional borings from the carport structures through paved lots and grass area to an existing electrical equipment box. 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

CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act

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:
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 21080.35

The proposed project is exempt from further environmental review under the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code §§ 21000 et seq.) because it is consistent with CEQA Section 21080.35, which provides that solar energy systems installed on the roof of an existing building or on an existing parking lot are statutorily exempt from CEQA. The proposed project involves the construction of a solar array mounted carport structures on the existing parking lot of Gahr HS, and the proposed project would not meet any of the exceptions specified in CEQA Guidelines Section 21080.35(d) through (f).

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