

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 – Joe A. Gonsalves Elementary School

Project Title

13650 Park Street

Project Location - Specific

Cerritos

Project Location – City

Los Angeles

Project Location – County

The District proposes to install solar energy arrays on two elevated carport-like structures at Gonslaves ES (Structures A and B). Structure A would be installed in the field along the hardcourts towards the southwestern portion of the school site, and Structure B would be installed in the field along the hardcourts to the east of Structure A adjacent to the playground. The solar structures would be a minimum of 10-foot high and comprised of metal columns and beams supporting array panels. Structures A and B would each consist of 252 photovoltaic (PV) modules tilted at a 7-degree angle for a total of 504 PV modules. Approximately 563 feet of conduits would be installed by directional borings connecting Structures A and B and to an existing electrical equipment box to the north as shown in Figure 2 through grass areas, hardcourts, and concrete paving. The solar system would each have direct current (DC) system size of 105.84 kilowatts (kW), totaling 211.68 kW. The proposed 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 arrays on elevated structures. The proposed solar arrays 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

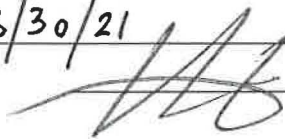
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