

CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act

## 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 - Niemes Elementary School

Project Title

16715 Jersey Avenue

Project Location - Specific

Artesia

Project Location - City

Los Angeles

Project Location - County

The District proposes to install solar energy array on an elevated carport-like structure (Structure A) at Niemes ES. Structure A would be installed over the multipurpose field next to the playground equipment. Structure A would be a minimum of 10-foot high and comprised of metal columns and beams supporting array panels. Structure A have 420 photo-voltaic (PV) modules tilted at a 7-degree angle, and have the direct current (DC) system size of 176.400 kilowatts (kW). Approximately 504 feet of conduit would be installed by directional borings from the solar array through paved lots and grass area to an existing electrical equipment box between the school buildings in the front of the campus. 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 proposed project involves the construction of solar energy array on an elevated structure. 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 proposed 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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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:

3/30/21 

Signature:

Title:

BOND PROGRAM MANAGER