

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 – Gretchen Whitney High School
Project Title

16800 Shoemaker Avenue
Project Location - Specific

Cerritos
Project Location – City

Los Angeles
Project Location – County

The District proposes to install solar energy arrays on six carport structures (Structures A through F) at Whitney HS. Structures A through F would be installed in the existing parking lot along the school's southern boundary, east of Shoemaker Avenue. 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 156 photo-voltaic (PV) modules with direct current (DC) system size of 65.520 kilowatts (kW), 204 PV modules with 85.680 kW, 228 PV modules with 95.760 kW, 258 PV modules with 108.360 kW, respectively, and Structures E and F would each have 306 PV modules with DC system size of 128.520 kW, all tilted at a 7-degree angle. Therefore, there would be a combined total of 1,458 PV modules and the total DC system size of 612.360 kW. Approximately 560 feet of conduits would be installed by directional borings from the solar arrays to an existing electrical equipment box to the north adjacent to an existing building. 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.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 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 Whitney 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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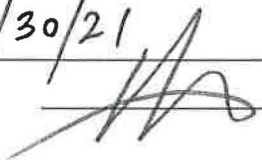
1. Attach certified document of exemption findings
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project Yes No

Date

Received for Filing:

3/30/21

Signature:



Title:

BOND PROGRAM MANAGER