

## 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 – Helen Wittmann Elementary School

Project Title

16801 Yvette Avenue

Project Location - Specific

Cerritos

Project Location – City

Los Angeles

Project Location – County

The District proposed to install solar energy arrays on an elevated carport-like shade structure (Structure A) on the turf playing field and a carport structure (Structure B) on the existing parking lot at the southeast corner of the campus. Structure A would be a minimum of 10-foot high and Structure B would be a minimum of 13-foot high, all comprised of metal columns and beams supporting array panels. Structure A would have 210 photovoltaic (PV) modules with direct current system size of 88.200 kilowatts (kW) tilted at 7 degrees angle and Structure B would have 324 PV modules with 136.080 kW tilted at 7 degree angle. Therefore, the campus' solar energy system would have a total of 534 PV modules and 224.280 kW DC system size. Approximately 552 feet of conduit would be installed through directional borings from the solar array structures to an existing electrical equipment box adjacent to the administration office (see Figure 2). 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: §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: Section 21080.35

The project involves the construction of six solar energy arrays on elevated shade structures. The proposed solar arrays would serve the existing school programs and would not result in an increase in student capacity or an expansion of existing use. No off-campus improvements would be necessary. Because existing use of the facility as a high school will stay the same, the project is categorically exempt from CEQA under Class 1, Class 3, and Class 14 exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 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. Additionally, the proposed project is statutorily exempt 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. One solar array structure would be installed over an existing parking lot.

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