

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Carlsbad Unified School District
6225 El Camino Real
Carlsbad, CA 92009

County Clerk
County of San Diego
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260
San Diego, CA 92101

Pacific Rim Elementary School Renovations
Project Title

1100 Camino De Las Ondas
Project Location - Specific

Carlsbad
Project Location - City

San Diego
Project Location - County

The proposed Pacific Rim Elementary School Renovation project includes removal of 11 portable buildings. The portable replacement will include 3 portable buildings and a new makerspace. Additional construction will expand the kitchen. The project includes renovations to the kitchen and classroom pods and expansions of the library/innovation center and MPR. The number of permanent classrooms will remain at 24, but the portable classrooms will decrease from 11 to 5. Outdoor improvements include new lunch shelters with solar panels, new outdoor learning space with solar panels and batteries, outdoor amphitheater, two play structures with shade and solar panels, and solar panels over two existing parking lots. The proposed project also includes new drought tolerant landscaping, new perimeter fencing, new perimeter running track, and building and classroom technology upgrades throughout the campus. The proposed project will benefit the district, students, and staff by improving the educational environment.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Carlsbad Unified School District
Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Carlsbad Unified School District
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

Exempt Status: (check one)

- 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: Class 2, CCR §15302, Replacement or Reconstruction

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 21080.35

The proposed removal of the portable classrooms, replacement with new portable buildings, building expansion, modernization, new lunch shelter, play structures, outdoor learning space and other site improvements are exempt from CEQA under Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (Section 15302). The new buildings and facilities will be located within the school campus, on the same site as the buildings and facilities to be replaced. The new buildings consist of new portable buildings, serving the same purpose as the replaced structure. School capacity would not be affected, and enrollment is expected to decline over the next ten years. Since the new structures and improvements are located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced structure, the project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15302.

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.

See Attachment to Notice of Exemption for further explanation of the evaluation, available for review at the District office.

Reasons why project is exempt

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Lead Agency Contact Person:

Area Code/Telephone/Extension:

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

Signature:  Date: 03/02/2022
For Derrick Anderson
 Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Title: Director Construction Management & Facilities

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for Filing at OPR: _____