

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:  Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Newport-Mesa Unified School District  
2985 Bear Street, Building E  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

County Clerk  
County of Orange  
601 N. Ross Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Estancia High School Theater Project  
Project Title

2323 Placentia Avenue  
Project Location - Specific

Costa Mesa  
Project Location - City

Orange  
Project Location - County

Construction of a 350-seat theater, including black box theater, lobby, box office, front of house support services, dressing rooms, scene shop, and costume and prop storage on an approximately 2-acre portion of the Estancia High School campus bounded by Placentia Avenue to the north and east, the gymnasium to the south, and tennis courts to the west. The project also includes improvements to landscaping, walkways, plazas, and installation of ancillary fencing for the theater. The new theater would benefit students, staff and the surrounding community.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Newport-Mesa Unified School District  
Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Newport-Mesa 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: Class 2, CCR §15302, Replacement or Reconstruction; Class 14, CCR §15314, Minor Additions to Schools

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

The project would not expand existing student capacity. The new theater replaces the existing theater, which will be used for general classroom use. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA under two categorical exemptions, including: Class 2, CCR §15302, Replacement or Reconstruction and Class 14, CCR §15314, Minor Additions to Schools.

The project was reviewed for possible exceptions under Section 15300.2 and found that the exceptions do not apply. See CEQA Evaluation, Estancia High School Theater Project, Supplemental Information for further explanation of the evaluation, which is available for review at the Facilities Department, 2985 Bear Street, Building E, Costa Mesa, CA

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:

Signature:

Ara Zareczny

Title:

Admin Director II, Facilities