

Notice of Exemption

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From: City of Davis
23 Russell Blvd
Davis, CA 95616

X County Clerk
County of Yolo
625 Bench Street
Davis, CA 95776

Project Title: Arroyo Park Sky Track

Project Location – Specific: Arroyo Park (Shasta Dr. & Hampton Dr.)

Project Location – City: Davis Project Location – County: County of Yolo

Description of Project:

The relocation of playground equipment commonly referred to as the “Sky Track” facility from the southeast corner of Arroyo Park to a new location at the center of the Park, adjacent to the swimming pool facility and parking lot. Installation of replacement play equipment in the form of an obstacle course at the current location of the Sky Track.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Davis

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Dale Summersille, Parks and Community Services Director

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));

X Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 3, Class 4, and Class 11 Categorical Exemptions; CEQA Guidelines Sections 15303, 15304, and 15311
Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is 9:

The relocation of the Sky Track, as well as the installation of new playground equipment at the Sky Track’s current location, are exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act, (California Public Resources Code §§ 21000, et seq., (“CEQA”) and the CEQA Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations §§ 15000, et seq.). Specifically, the relocation of the Sky Track equipment is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Class 3 and Class 4 exemptions, found at CEQA Guidelines §§15303 and 15304. The relocation of the Sky Track to a new location will involve minor grading activities and minor alterations to the land in the new location which will not require the removal of any healthy, mature trees, and this activity is exempt pursuant to Section 15304 of the Guidelines.

The installation of the Sky Track at its new location is the type of new construction of minor facilities that is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15303, which exempts the construction of small accessory structures, including “garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences.” The Sky Track is likewise an accessory structure, and its installation is even less likely to cause environmental impacts than the listed examples. The installation is further exempt under Class 11, Guidelines Section 15311, for the construction of minor structures accessory to existing facilities. Further, there are no “unusual circumstances” that would cause the potential for a significant impact that would preclude the use of any of the exemptions listed above. CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2. The City has conducted noise studies and the new location of the Sky Track has been found not to exceed the City’s noise ordinance standards day or night.


Likewise, the installation of new equipment at the location of the Sky Track will be exempt from CEQA under Section 15303 and no unusual circumstances exist that could give rise to significant impacts related to this installation. The obstacle course equipment selected for the site is not anticipated to exceed the City’s noise standards day or night.

Lead Agency

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If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
- 2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 09/01/2022 Title: Senior Planner

X Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: _____