

CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

From: Perris Elementary School District

143 East First Street

Perris, CA 92570

County Clerk  
County of Riverside

2724 Gateway Drive

Riverside, CA 92507

Palms Elementary School Modernization Project

Project Title

255 East Jarvis Street

Project Location – Specific

Perris

Project Location – City

Riverside

Project Location – County

The District proposes to modernize the existing Palms Elementary School campus to meet its goals of improving air quality, replacing surfaces conducive to cleaning and disinfecting, and enhancing outdoor learning environments. The District plans to replace the existing playground surfacing material; replace flooring throughout the school; install HVAC package units; and install, replace, or upgrade building control equipment such as CO<sub>2</sub> monitors, PEARL Economizer Controllers, and other economizer repairs and replacements for the safety of the students and staff on campus.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Perris Elementary School District

Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Perris Elementary 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: § 15301. Class 1, Existing Facilities

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

The proposed project involves replacing the existing playground surfacing material; replacing flooring throughout the school; installing HVAC package units; and installing, replacing, or upgrading building control equipment such as CO2 monitors, PEARL Economizer Controllers, and other economizer repairs and replacements. These improvements to the Palms ES campus are intended to be beneficial to the students and staff of the school by improving air quality throughout the campus and enhancing outdoor learning environments.

A Class 1 categorical exemption would apply because the proposed project would require maintenance and minor alteration to the school's mechanical equipment, which includes to the existing HVAC system, to help improve air quality throughout the campus. As described above, the proposed project would include installation of HVAC package units; and installing, replacing, or upgrading building control equipment such as CO2 monitors, PEARL Economizer Controllers, and other economizer repairs and replacements at Palms ES. Additionally, implementation of the proposed project would require minor repairs to the existing Palms ES campus including replacing the existing playground surfacing material; replacing flooring throughout the school. In addition, the proposed project includes replacement of the existing playground equipment and surficial material.

The proposed project does not involve the on-site use of a hazardous waste incinerator or thermal treatment unit, or the potential release into the air of volatile organic compounds. The proposed project would not add any building space to the existing school and would not increase student capacity. Existing use of the facility as an elementary school would stay the same under the proposed project. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA under Sections 15301.

The proposed project was also reviewed for possible exceptions under Section 15300.2 and found that the exceptions do not apply. See Attachment to Notice of Exemption for further explanation of the evaluation, which is available at the Perris Elementary School District, 143 East First Street, Perris, CA 92570.

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:

Starlene M. Sif

Title: CBO

