

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Del Mar Union School District

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Del Mar Hills Academy Modernization Project

Project Title

Del Mar Hills Academy: 14085 Mango Drive, San Diego, CA 92104

Project Location - Specific

San Diego

Project Location - City

San Diego

Project Location - County

Del Mar Union School District (District) is proposing to modernize Del Mar Hills Academy's existing classrooms and administration building; remove between eight and 10 of the existing portable classrooms, as well as the four portable classrooms that were added to the site for temporary housing when Del Mar Heights School was under construction; and make improvements to the entrance, circulation, and emergency access. The proposed modernization would include building code upgrades, infrastructure upgrades, ADA access improvements, food service upgrades, exterior finishing, and restroom improvements. Circulation improvements would include reconfiguring the parking lot and the loading/drop-off zone, restriping the parking lot, and installing signs. Emergency access improvements would include extending the existing emergency fire lane, and front entrance improvements would include ADA access ramps at the front entry, handrails, and other minor enhancements to the front office, as well as the installation of an ADA ramp at the playfield. The proposed project would not result in an increase in the number of classrooms or student capacity, and no increase in parking spaces is proposed. In order to accommodate the approximately 280 students during construction, 160 kindergarten through third grade students would be temporarily relocated to Del Mar Heights Elementary School, and approximately 120 students from grades four to six would temporarily attend one other school (either Ashley Falls School or Sage Canyon School). No portable buildings would be required at these schools to house the temporary students. The District proposes to bus the approximately 120 students that would attend either Ashley Falls School or Sage Canyon School; buses would be staged at Del Mar Heights Elementary School. Current and future students, staff, and the general public would benefit from the enhanced educational facility.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Del Mar Union School District

Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Del Mar Union School District

CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act

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 1 Existing Facilities; Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land; Class 11 Accessory Structures; Class 14 Minor Additions to Schools
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

The proposed modernization of the existing administration and classrooms building are exempt under CEQA Guidelines §15301. The proposed ADA access improvements are exempt under CEQA Guidelines §15303. The proposed changes to vehicular access and fire lane improvements are exempt under CEQA Guidelines § 15304. The proposed changes to the front entry and parking lot are exempt under CEQA Guidelines §15311. The minor additions to the school without adding student capacity are exempt under CEQA Guidelines §15314. The proposed project was also reviewed for possible exceptions under Section 15300.2 and found that the exceptions do not apply. Additional documentation supporting this conclusion is available at the District office.

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: Chris Delehanty

Title: Assistant Superintendent, Business S.