

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Saddleback Valley Unified School District

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Mission Viejo, CA 92691

County Clerk-Recorder
County of Orange County
601 N. Ross St.
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Foothill Ranch Elementary School Modernization Project

Project Title

1 Torino Drive

Project Location - Specific

Lake Forest

Project Location -- City

Orange County

Project Location -- County

The proposed project includes improvements/modernization to existing buildings, construction of six shade structures and fencing, and the placement of a new modular classroom building (building V3). Modernization improvements include technology upgrades and learning environment upgrades. The total classroom number will be increased from 49 to 51, but the proposed project will not increase student capacity as students will be dispersed throughout the additional classrooms to create smaller classroom sizes. The proposed project will benefit the district, students, and staff by improving the educational environment and safety.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Saddleback Valley Unified School District

Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Saddleback Valley 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));

CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act _____

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, CCR §15301, Existing Facilities; Class 3, CCR §15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; Class 14, CCR §15314, Minor Additions to School

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

The proposed modernization/improvements of the existing bathroom and classroom buildings are exempt from CEQA under Class 1, Existing Facilities (Section 15301), which includes "[i]nterior or exterior alterations, involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances" and "[R]estoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment...". The modernization includes technology upgrades and interior renovations. Since the modernization/ improvements are located in the same site and will not expand any renovated structure, the project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15301.

The proposed construction of six shade structures and fencing are exempt from CEQA under Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Section 15303). Since the new fencing and shade structures are small structures and considered minor additions to the existing school campus and will not increase student capacity the project is exempt from CEQA under Sections 15303.

The proposed modular classroom building is exempt from CEQA under Class 14, Minor Additions to Schools (Section 15314). Since the new modular classroom building is a minor addition to the existing school and the proposed project will not increase student capacity or increase classrooms on campus by more than 10 classrooms, the project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15314.

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 for review at the District office.

Reasons why project is exempt

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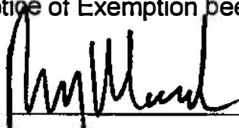
Area Code/Telephone/Extension:

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: _____

7/18/2023

Title: _____

Director of Facilities

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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: _____