

CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act

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

Serrano Intermediate School Improvement Project
Project Title

24642 Jeronimo Road
Project Location - Specific

Lake Forest
Project Location - City

Orange County
Project Location - County

The proposed project includes renovations of the existing administration building and bathrooms; as well as installing new fencing and gates. Renovations to the existing administration building included a new entry way, mechanical and electrical upgrades, lighting improvements and other interior improvements for ADA accessibility. Renovations to the Classroom Building 1 restrooms includes adding door operators, and restroom improvements for ADA compliance. Additionally, the proposed project will replace the existing fencing with new automatic roll-down grills, new fences and gates. 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));

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

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

The proposed improvements of the existing administration building, and restroom 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 administrative building and restroom improvements will renovate the interior space and improvements for ADA compliance. Since the administrative building and restroom 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 installation of new automatic roll-down grills and new fences and gates are exempt from CEQA under Class 3, New Construction or Construction of Small Structures (Section 15303), which includes “Accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences.” Since the new automatic roll-down grills, fences and gate 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 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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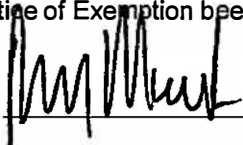
Area Code/Telephone/Extension:

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: _____