

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles

12400 Imperial Highway

Norwalk, California 90650

From: (Public Agency): Mount San Antonio Community College
1100 N Grand Ave.
Walnut, CA 91766

(Address)

Project Title: Mt.SAC Solar Energy Array Phase 1

Project Applicant: Mount San Antonio Community College

Project Location - Specific:

Parking Lot F along Temple Avenue, Gateway Parking Structure at Temple and Bonita

Project Location - City: Walnut

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Mt. San Antonio College proposes to install solar energy arrays in three existing parking areas on campus. Solar Energy Array #1 would be located in Lot 47 and would accommodate an 86 kW system. This system would serve as a shade structure for campus fleet vehicles. This system would also include a battery storage system which would allow campus fleet vehicles to charge overnight using stored energy. Solar Energy Array #2 would be located at Parking Structure S, or Gateway Parking Structure. This system would accommodate a 719 kW system and would serve as a shade structure for vehicles parking on the roof of the structure. Solar Energy Array #3 would be located in surface parking lot F and would accommodate a 1.6 MW system which would serve as a solar shade structure for vehicles parked in that area. The carports would be a minimum of 13-foot high and consist of metal columns and beams supporting array panels. These three Solar Energy Array systems would result in a combined total DC system size of 2.7 MW. The District and general community will benefit from a reduction in energy consumption and reduced energy costs.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Mt. San Antonio Community College District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mt. San Antonio Community College District, Gary Nellesen, 909.274.1579

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: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: CEQA Section 21080.35

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project is statutorily exempt from further environmental review under the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code §§ 21000 et seq.) and Section 15282 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it is consistent with CEQA Section 21080.35, which provides that solar energy systems installed on the roof of an existing building or on an existing parking lot are statutorily exempt from CEQA. The proposed project involves the construction of solar array mounted carport structures in existing parking lots or structures of Mt. San Antonio College, and the proposed project would not meet any of the exceptions specified in CEQA Guidelines Section 21080.35(d) through (f).


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: 9/29/23 Title: Director of Special Projects, Sustainability

▪ 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: _____