

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: County Clerk
County of Los Angeles
12400 East Imperial highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

FROM: City of Covina
Community Development
Department
125 East College Street
Covina, CA 91723

Project Title: Covina Enhanced Infrastructure Finance District (EIFD) and Infrastructure Financing Plan

Project Location Specific: Covina Enhanced Infrastructure Finance District Boundaries - The Covina EIFD encompasses multiple parcels within the City as illustrated in the attached map exhibit. The proposed Covina EIFD encompasses approximately 213 acres of land, representing approximately 5% of the total acres of land in the City limits, generally bounded to the north by the northerly property line of Kelby Park, one-half block south of Cypress Street, to the south by Workman Street, to the west by North Valencia Place, and to the east by Barranca Avenue.

Project Location - City: Covina

Project Location - County: Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project includes the formation of an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District pursuant to Government Code Section 53398.50 *et seq.*, preparation and adoption of an Infrastructure Financing Plan by the Covina EIFD Public Financing Authority, and authorizing certain other actions which is to be adopted by the Covina EIFD Public Financing Authority in order to form an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District within the City of Covina to finance the construction, repair, acquisition and/or maintenance of capital improvements and facilities, including the acquisition and/or remediation of land for such improvements and facilities identified in the Infrastructure Financing Plan. The proposed Infrastructure Financing Plan identifies projects for financing:

- Civic / Administrative and Public Safety Facilities
- FAIR District Property Acquisition
- Park Expansion and Connectivity
- Pedestrian Connectivity and Beautification
- Utility Infrastructure.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Covina EIFD Public Financing Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Covina EIFD Public Financing Authority. Contact Person: Alana Spector, Senior Management Analyst-Special Projects, Covina Community Development Department, 125 East College Street, California 91723, (626) 384-5443.

Exempt Status:


- 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 Section 153xx;
- Statutory Exemptions, State code number;
- CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 (b)(4) (government funding mechanisms) and Section 15061(b)(3)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: An Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District is solely a funding mechanism for statutorily authorized infrastructure projects that are identifying in an Infrastructure Financing Plan, which must be adopted by the Covina EIFD Public Financing Authority. The Covina

EIFD Public Financing Authority was established in order to form the Covina Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District. The Infrastructure Financing Plan identifies future infrastructure projects and how they would be funded in the future. Each infrastructure project identified in the Infrastructure Financing Plan would require its own environmental review as outlined by the CEQA Guidelines. The creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, is not a project subject to CEQA. The Covina EIFD Public Financing Authority has no land use authority to approve the proposed projects in the Infrastructure Financing Plan, nor does it have the authority to award contracts for their construction. The Public Financing Authority's establishment of the EIFD and the adoption of the Infrastructure Financing Plan do not commit the participating taxing entities (currently, the City of Covina) to carry out the projects proposed for financing and do not result in any physical impact on the environment. Furthermore, the projects identified in the Infrastructure Financing Plan are conceptual in nature and have not been designed to a level of detail that would permit environmental review under CEQA. Therefore, this proposal is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15378(b)(4). Additionally, as this is only a funding mechanism and not an approval of an infrastructure project. There will be no significant effects on the environment Guidelines §15061(b)(3).

Lead Agency Contact Person: Alana Spector

Signature:



Date:

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Title: Senior Management Analyst-Special Projects, Covina Community Development Department