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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Rowland Unified School District
1830 Nogales Street,
Rowland Heights, CA 91748

County Clerk-Recorder
County of Los Angeles
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

Nogales High School Modernization Project
Project Title

401 Nogales Street
Project Location - Specific

Unincorporated
Project Location - City

Los Angeles
Project Location - County

The proposed Nogales HS Modernization project includes the demolition of an existing classroom building, small theater, pool, and basketball courts to provide space for the new facilities. New facilities would include a new classroom and locker building (Building O) and a new outdoor pool and associated structures. The new outdoor pool will include bleachers with a seating capacity of 264 spectators, a public address system and lights for evening use, and a pool pump building. The proposed development will be in the same area as the current facilities and their functions will remain the same as current conditions. The proposed project also includes a new amphistair and Building O storage room located outside the Music Building (Building Q). Landscape improvements include new grass on the existing baseball field. The proposed project would not increase student capacity. 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

Rowland Unified School District
Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Rowland 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));

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- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (CEQA Guidelines CCR § 15302); Class 11, CCR §15311, Accessory Structures
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

The proposed reconstruction of a classroom building, small theater, pool, basketball courts, and baseball field grass would be exempt from CEQA under Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (Section 15302), which includes "replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure would be located on the same site as the structure replaced and would have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced..." The modernization includes the reconstruction of the existing facilities for a new classroom building, outdoor pool, and associated structures (shade shelter with bleachers and pump building). The baseball field grass will be replacing the existing grass field. Since the modernization project would reconstruct the existing facilities on campus and would be located at the same site and will not increase student capacity, the project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15302.

The proposed construction of the amphistair and storage room are exempt from CEQA under Class 11, Accessory Structures (Section 15311). Since the amphistair and storage room are considered accessory to the campus and will not increase student capacity the project is exempt from CEQA under Sections 15311.

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

Marcos Rodriguez

Lead Agency Contact Person:

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: 9/14/23

Title: Deputy Superintendent

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: _____