

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
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From: Saddleback Valley Unified School District

25631 Peter A Hartman Way
Mission Viejo, CA 92691

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

Robinson Elementary School Modernization Project
Project Title

21400 Lindsay Drive
Project Location - Specific

Trabuco Canyon
Project Location - City

Orange County
Project Location - County

The proposed project includes modernization/ renovations to existing buildings, relocation of existing buildings on-site, new landscaping, play areas and associated play structures, five new shade structures, a new vehicle drop off area with a new parking area and associated signage. Modernizations/renovations include new finishings (flooring, wallpaper, paint and ceiling tiles), altering layout of buildings, new toilet rooms, circulation improvements and improvements to the play areas throughout the campus. The proposed project will 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

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; Class 11, CCR §15311, Accessory Structures
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

The proposed modernization/renovations of the existing classroom buildings and admin building, new landscaping and play areas and relocation of modular 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/renovations includes new finishings (flooring, wallpaper, paint and ceiling tiles), altering layout of buildings, new landscaping and the relocation of modular buildings. Since the modernization/renovations 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 five shade structures, and the new play structures and fencing associated with the new outside quiet area, kindergarten playground, inclusive play area and sensory path are exempt from CEQA under Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Section 15303). Since the new shade structures, fencing, play 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 construction of a new vehicle drop-off area, a new parking area to the east of the site with landscaping and signage is exempt from CEQA under Class 11, Accessory Structures (Section 15311). Since the new vehicle drop-off area will be located in the front of Robinson ES and the removed parking would be replaced by the new parking area connected to the eastern parking lot on campus with a signage will be consisted accessory structures for elementary school use, the project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15311.

The proposed project was also reviewed for possible exceptions under Section 15300.2 and found that the exceptions do not apply.

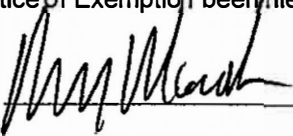
See Attachment to Notice of Exemption for further explanation of the evaluation, which is available for review at the District office.

Reasons why project is exempt

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 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: 9/21/2023 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: _____