

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Mail Stop: A-33
ARCC-Recorder
Attn: CEQA Postings
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: Mail Stop: 029
County of San Diego,
Department of Parks and Recreation
Attn: Chelsea Oakes
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San Diego, CA 92123

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SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name: Kumeyaay Valley Park – LaChappa Ballfields Project
Project Location: 13145 Willow Road, Lakeside, CA 92040
Project Applicant: County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation, 5500 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 565-3600
Project Description: Improvements include permanent restrooms and associated septic system, the replacement of a concession stand, installation of accessible walkways, ADA parking spaces, and a smart irrigation system to water ballfield lawns.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego
Date Form Completed: 1/10/2024
County Contact Person: Emily Pacholski
Telephone: (619) 539-4294

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors has approved the above described project on **January 10, 2024 (item #3)** and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

- Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]
- Statutory Exemption. C Section:
- Categorical Exemption. G Section(s): 15301, 15302, 15304
- G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan
- Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
- G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) is applicable because the proposed project will consist of the replacement of existing facilities, including structures, temporary restrooms, walkways, and irrigation equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) is applicable because the proposed project will replace structures, temporary restrooms, walkways, and irrigation equipment on the same site as the existing facilities and the improvements will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the existing facilities. Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) is applicable because the proposed project will involve minor earthwork to replace and construct structures, install permanent pathways, and replace irrigation equipment which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

Additionally, the project will not impact environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern that are designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted by government agencies; does not contribute to cumulative environmental impact; will not have a significant impact on the environment due to unusual circumstances; does not damage scenic resources within a designated state scenic highway; is not on the list of Hazardous Waste and Substance Sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; and does not cause adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature: _____ Telephone: 619-315-9095

Name (Print): Chelsea Oakes Title: Group Program Manager

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.