

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County of Los Angeles
County Clerk
Environmental Filings
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From: County of Los Angeles
Department of Parks and Recreation
Planning & CEQA Section
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Alhambra, California 91803

Project Title: Allen J. Martin Park
Walkway Remodeling Project

Project Location - Specific: Allen J. Martin Park
14830 E. Giordano St., La Puente, CA 91744

Project Location - City: The unincorporated community of West Puente Valley

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed Allen J. Martin Park Walkway Remodeling Project (Project) is located at Allen J. Martin Park, 14830 East Giordano Street in the unincorporated community of West Puente Valley. The 6.83-acre park includes a community building, splash pad, playground, basketball court, softball field, picnic areas, restrooms, walking paths, and two parking lots

Allen J. Martin Park is located in the Unincorporated Bassett- West Puente Valley study area with a Very High level of park need. The study area has approximately 0.7 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents, which is much lower than the countywide average of 3.3 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents and the General Plan goal of 4 acres of local parkland per 1,000 residents.

The unincorporated communities of the San Gabriel Valley, including West Puente Valley among others, are significantly underserved by aquatic facilities. To address this need, on August 2, 2022, the Board awarded a design build contract to develop the San Gabriel Valley Aquatic Center Project immediately adjacent to Allen J. Martin Park. During community design workshops for the San Gabriel Valley Aquatic Center Project, the community expressed a desire for a seamless connection between the San Gabriel Valley Aquatic Center Project and Allen J. Martin Park.

The proposed Project will improve public access to both facilities by enhancing Allen J. Martin's existing pathway network to provide clear, wide connections to the San Gabriel Valley Aquatic Center Project. These connections will enable park visitors to easily walk from the park's existing entrances at California Avenue and Giordano Street to the aquatic center's new pools, restrooms, picnic area, and playground. Also included in the proposed Project are improvements related to the modified pathways such as turf repairs, drought tolerant landscaping, irrigation repairs and modifications, replacement of drinking fountains, and signage.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles County

Name of Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County

Exempt Status (check one):

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Article 19. Categorical Exemptions

- Categorical Section 15302
Class 2 (c)
- Categorical Section 15303
Class 3 (e)
- Categorical Section 15304
Class 4 (a)(b)

- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 2 (e)
- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 3 (b)
- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 4 (a)(c)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project is consistent with State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. The project is consistent with Section 15302 Class 2 which provides for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. This includes but is not limited to Class 2 (c) for replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

The project is also consistent with Section 15303 Class 3 which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. This includes but is not limited to Class 3 (e) for new accessory structures.

The project is consistent with Section 15304 Class 4 which provides for minor alteration to land. This includes but is not limited to Class 4 (a) for grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent, and 4(b) for new landscaping.

The project is also consistent with the County CEQA Guidelines. The project is consistent with Class 2 which provides for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. This includes but is not limited to Class 2 (e) for replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

The project is consistent with Class 3 which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. This includes but is not limited to Class 3 (b) for accessory structures.

The project is also consistent with Class 4 which provides for minor alterations to land. This includes but is not limited to Class 4 (a) for grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent and 4(c) for new landscaping.

The proposed use of Classes 2, 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions does not include activities that are excepted from the exemptions as defined in Section 15300.2 (a) of the CEQA Guidelines. Specifically, the specified activities do not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern designated, precisely mapped, or officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

The County has considered the cumulative impact of the proposed activities and determined that the cumulative impact of the specified activities will not result in significant impacts on the environment that

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would constitute an exception to Classes 2, 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (b) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The County has considered the potential for significant impacts on the environment resulting from the specified activities and determined that there are no unusual circumstances that would result in significant effects on the environment constituting an exception to Classes 2, 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The specified activities will not result in damage to scenic resources, such as trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings or similar resources or involve work within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway that would constitute an exception to Classes 2, 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (d) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (c) of the CEQA Statutes.

The specified activities do not involve work on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code relating to solid and hazardous wastes and do not constitute an exception to Classes 2, 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in the Section 15300.2 (e) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (d) of the CEQA statutes.

The specified activities would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as specified in section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes and do not constitute an exception to Classes 2, 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (f) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes.

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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, Jui Ing Chien

2/11/2024

Date

Park Planner

Title