



# City of Temecula

## Community Development

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### VIA-ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL

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February 8, 2024

Supervising Legal Certification Clerk  
County of Riverside  
P.O. Box 751  
Riverside, CA 92501-0751

**SUBJECT: Filing of a Notice of Exemption for Long Range Application No. LR24-0068,  
(PW23-02) Ynez Road Improvements – Phase I**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed is the Notice of Exemption for the above referenced project. In addition, pursuant to Assembly Bill 3158 (Chapter 1706) please find a receipt in the amount of \$50.00, for the County Administrative fee to enable the City to file the Notice of Exemption required under Public Resources Code Section 21152 and 14 California Code Regulations 1507. The City of Temecula is paying the \$50.00 filing fee under protest. It is the opinion of the City that the administrative fee has been increased in a manner inconsistent with the provisions of State Law. Under Public Resources Code Section 21152 and 14 California Code Regulations 1507, the County is entitled to receive a \$25.00 filing fee.

Also, please email a stamped copy of the Notice of Exemption **within five working days** after the 30-day posting to the email listed below.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Katie Garcia at email [Katie.Garcia@TemeculaCA.gov](mailto:Katie.Garcia@TemeculaCA.gov).

Sincerely,

Matt Peters  
Assistant Director of Community Development

Attachments: Project Notice of Exemption Form  
County Administrative Filing Fee Receipt

**City of Temecula**  
**Community Development**  
**Planning Division**

**Notice of Exemption**

**TO:** County Clerk and Records Office  
County of Riverside  
P.O. Box 751  
Riverside, CA 92501-0751

**FROM:** Planning Division  
City of Temecula  
41000 Main Street  
Temecula, CA 92590

**Project Title:** Long Range Application No. LR24-0068, (PW23-02) Ynez Road Improvements – Phase I  
**Description of Project:** The project consists of widening the easterly side of Ynez Road, from Tierra Vista to Rancho Vista Road from a single lane to two lanes. With this, a retaining wall will be constructed and related shoulder work complete for installation/improvement of an inlet adjacent to a small grove of oak trees.  
**Project Location:** Ynez Road, from Tierra Vista to Rancho Vista Road  
**Applicant/Proponent:** City of Temecula

The Assistant Director of Community Development approved the above described project on February 8, 2024 and found that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, as amended.

Exempt Status: (*check one*)

- Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); Section 15268);  
 Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); Section 15269(a));  
 Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); Section 15269(b)(c));
- Statutory Exemptions (Section Number: )  
 Categorical Exemption; (Section Number 15304 & 15303)  
 Other: Section 15162 Categorical Exemption

Statement of Reasons Supporting the Finding that the Project is Exempt:

The project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under Sections 15304 and 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines. The road widening is within the scope of the Class 4 categorical exemption for “minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature scenic trees...” The project requires the removal of 3 heritage-sized trees but according to the arborist report, they are only in “fair” health with “fair” form/structure, and the City has determined they are not healthy, mature, and scenic. A retaining wall that is part of the project also qualifies for the Class 3 categorical exemption applicable to the construction of new, small structures.

**Contact Person/Title:** Katie Garcia/Planning Technician      **Phone Number:** (951) 240-4216

**Signature:** Matt Peters  
Matt Peters, Assistant Director of Community Development

**Date:** 2/8/24

Date received for filing at the County Clerk and Records Office: