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CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

From: City of Beaumont

550 East 6th Street

Beaumont, CA 92223

County Clerk
County of Riverside

2724 Gateway Drive

Riverside, CA 92507

Stewart Park Renovation Project

Project Title

Bounded to the north by 11th Street, to the south by 8th Street, to the east by Maple Street, and to the west by Orange Avenue

Project Location - Specific

Beaumont

Project Location - City

Riverside

Project Location - County

The proposed project would result in the renovation of the entirety of the existing 11-acre park. Improvements would include relocation and upgrades to the park's basketball courts, skate park, playgrounds/play areas, pathways, and improvements to the stormwater detention basin. The proposed project would also include installation of a splash pad (which would replace the former pool) with a new restroom and outdoor showers; stage; multipurpose field; picnic areas, tables, and shade structures; walking trails; entry plazas; park lighting; landscaping including low and medium water use turf grasses and trees; an irrigation system; and three bioretention areas. The proposed project would also include connection of the park across 9th and 10th Streets to create a continuous park space, which would result in the closure of 9th and 10th streets between Orange and Maple Avenue. Parking would include diagonal and parallel street parking areas. Other site conditions would include a new 25-foot easement with Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District along the portion of 10th Street that is within the project site, which contains existing water utility service. Overhead electrical utilities along 10th Street are being removed and the overhead fiber optic lines would be placed underground. Figure 3, Site Plan, shows the location and layout of the proposed renovation of Stewart Park. The park would be open year-round to residents, similar to current conditions. It is assumed that the splash pad will be open from 11 AM to 7 PM during the months of May to September (summer) and open intermittently depending on weather conditions during the months of October to April (fall, winter, and spring).

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

City of Beaumont

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Name of Public Agency Approving Project

City of Beaumont

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

Exempt Status: (check one below)

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: § 15301, Existing Facilities; §15302, Replacement or Reconstruction; and §15303, Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

The alteration, repair, and improvements to the existing skate park, parking lot, stormwater retention basin, and utilities is covered under the Class 1 categorical exemption as existing facilities. All improvements involve negligible or no expansion of use.

The reconstruction of the park's playgrounds, basketball courts, and utilities qualifies for a Class 2 categorical exemption. The new park would be located on the same site and have the same purpose and capacity as the existing park.

The construction of a splash pad with a new restroom and outdoor shower, amphitheater, multipurpose field, irrigation system, landscaping, and park amenities is covered under the Class 3 categorical exemption as small and accessory structures.

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 at the City of Beaumont, 550 East 6th Street, Beaumont, CA 92223.

Reasons why project is exempt

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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

Date
Received for
Filing:

Signature:

Carole Kendrick Title: Planning Manager