

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
1000 South Fremont Avenue Unit #40
A-9 West, Third Floor
Alhambra, California 91803

Project Title: Santa Fe Dam Swim Beach Restroom #3 Improvement Project

Project Location - Specific: Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area
15501 E. Arrow Highway, Irwindale, CA 91706

Project Location - City: Irwindale

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Restroom Building #3 is a large restroom building that serves as one of the primary facilities for the Swim Beach and is very heavily used during peak summer season. Due to aging infrastructure, such as sewer lines built without sand traps, the facility is often shut down for service creating an extreme inconvenience for park patrons.

The structure was built in 1977 with a rustic, craftsman style gable roof and river stone wall cladding. Due to its age, the Department will complete a historic assessment of the facility to determine its architectural significance. Depending on the outcome of the historic assessment, the proposed Project scope will include either the demolition of the existing building and replacement with a prefabricated restroom building with greater user capacity and new utility connections, or as an alternative, the complete interior remodeling of the existing building to meet current codes and clearances, upgrade existing utilities and adjust the quantity of restroom fixtures. The prefabricated building, if needed, will be procured through a County purchase order. In addition to the restroom building, the Project scope will also include related utility upgrades, sitework, landscaping, and related improvements.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles County

Name of Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County

Exempt Status (check one):

Article 19. Categorical Exemptions

- Categorical Section 15301
Class 1 (b)(h)
- Categorical Section 15302
Class 2 (c)
- Categorical Section 15304
Class 4 (a)(b)
- Categorical Section 15306
Class 6
- Categorical Section 15331

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Class 31

- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 1 (e)(j)
- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 2 (e)
- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 4 (a)(c)
- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption Class 6

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is consistent with State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. The project is consistent with Section 15301 Class 1 which provides for repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public facilities. This includes but is not limited to Class 1(b) for publicly owned utilities; and 1(h) for maintenance of existing landscaping.

The project is also 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 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 gardening or landscaping.

The project is also consistent with Section 15306 Class 6 which provides for basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

The project is consistent with Section 15331, Class 31 which provides for maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, conservation or reconstruction of historical resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer.

The project is also consistent with the County CEQA Guidelines. The project is consistent with Class 1 which provides for repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public facilities. This includes but is not limited to Class 1(e) for publicly owned utilities; and 1(j) for maintenance of existing landscaping.

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.

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The project is also consistent with Class 6 which provides for basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

The proposed uses of Classes 1, 2, 4 & 6 Categorical Exemptions do 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 would constitute an exception to Classes 1, 2, 4 & 6 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 1,2, 4 & 6 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 1,2, 4 & 6 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 1,2, 4 & 6 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 1,2, 4 & 6 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



Date

Park Planner

Title