

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

From: Newport-Mesa Unified School District

2985 Bear Street

Costa Mesa, CA 92626

County Clerk-Recorder
County of Orange

601 N Ross Street

Santa Ana, CA 92701

Newport Heights Elementary School Improvement Project

Project Title

300 E. 15th Street

Project Location - Specific

Newport Beach

Project Location - City

Orange

Project Location - County

The proposed project would construct three new modular TK classrooms and a new modular restroom in the southern portion of the campus. These three new TK classrooms would form an expanded TK/K shared area of the campus and would be able to accommodate an additional 60 TK students on campus. In addition to the modular classrooms and restroom, a new shade structure and bike area would be built. The modification of the playground for TK use would also be part of the proposed project. Other improvements would include expanding the fenced area to accommodate the expansion of the new TK/K shared area along with the relocation of the trash receptacles used on site. The proposed project will benefit the district, students, and staff by improving the educational environment and safety.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Newport-Mesa Unified School District

Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Newport-Mesa Unified School District

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: Class 1, CCR §15301, Existing Facilities; Class 3, CCR §15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; Class 14, CCR §15314, Minor Additions to School

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

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The proposed improvements at the existing playground equipment, and the relocation of the existing trash receptacle area are exempt from CEQA under Class 1, Existing Facilities (Section 15301), which includes interior or exterior alterations, involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances and restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment. Improvements to the playground equipment would allow TK/K students to play on the existing playground. The new trash receptacle area would be located on campus and its function would remain the same. Additionally, the existing fencing would be modified in order to accommodate the expanded TK/K area. The improvements would not alter the basic functions of the facilities and would not increase student capacity. Since the renovations are located in the same site and will not expand any renovated structure, the project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15301.

The proposed construction of a shade structure, and fencing are exempt from CEQA under Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Section 15303). The proposed shade structure and fencing are small new structures that will be located within the school campus. The shade structure and fencing improvements will create an enlarged TK/K area on campus to serve students on campus and not increase student capacity; the project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15303.

The proposed construction of three modular classrooms and modular restroom building is exempt from CEQA under class 14, Minor Additions to Schools (Section 15314). The three new modular classroom buildings will be located within the school campus and will increase the total number of classrooms by three and would not increase student capacity by more than 25 percent. The three modular classrooms would be required to accommodate the TK/K program and existing students on campus and would not itself increase student capacity on campus. Additionally, the student population will increase by 60 students, which is an approximately 13 percent increase in the student population. Consequently, the project would not increase student capacity by more than 25 percent. Since the new buildings would be located within the same campus and will not increase the school classrooms by ten nor increase student capacity by 25 percent, the project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15314.

The proposed project was also reviewed for possible exceptions under Section 15300.2 and found that the exceptions do not apply.

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: [Handwritten Signature] Title: Facilities Planning Coordinator

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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