

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

From: Sweetwater Union School District
1130 Fifth Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91911

County Clerk
County of San Diego
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 260
San Diego, CA 92101

Eastlake High School Library Rehabilitation Project
Project Title

1120 Eastlake Parkway
Project Location - Specific

Chula Vista
Project Location - City

San Diego
Project Location - County

The proposed project involves rehabilitating the interior of an existing library building. Interior work includes modernizing the library bathrooms by replacing flooring, toilets, and fixtures while maintaining the existing layout. Classrooms would receive new paint and carpet tiles, along with upgraded audio/visual equipment and electrical systems. A new 378 sq ft storage room would be constructed with shelving to accommodate over 22,000 books. Additional permanent and movable shelving for 12,005 more books would be installed throughout the library. Existing interior security gates and electrical components would be demolished.

Exterior rehabilitation work consists of installing new ADA-compliant double doors and windows, demolishing the chain link fence around the library perimeter, and expanding walkways with a new concrete ADA ramp at the southwest corner. Landscaping with groundcover and shrubs would be added along the expanded walkway edges. New windows would be installed and painted throughout the exterior and interior of the library and existing windows would be cleaned and painted.

The existing 19-space parking lot south of the main entrance (parking lot 1) would be reconfigured by adding 22 new spaces in separate north and south expansions, as well as 2 EV charging stations and a 4-foot offloading area. The total parking spaces would be 41. Site circulation and access driveways would remain unchanged.

Additional site work includes replacing the existing landscaping and irrigation along the street frontages of Eastlake Parkway and at the main entrance median. Pine trees would be preserved, 36 other trees would be removed. New features include rock and cobble mulch, decorative boulders, decomposed granite around the flagpole area, and new planters throughout the landscaping. The existing marquee sign at the front would also be replaced with a new sign of similar size and shape and would be light-emitting diode (LED) based digital sign. Electrical equipment would be removed and/or relocated as needed.

Construction of the proposed improvements is tentatively scheduled to be implemented in June 2024 and is anticipated to last approximately 9 months, ending in February 2025.

The proposed project would bring the school's library facility and amenities up to current State and District standards, gain compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and benefit students and the surrounding community with improved access and upgraded school frontage.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Sweetwater Union High School District
Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Sweetwater Union High 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: §15301 Class 1, Existing Facilities, §15302 Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction, §15303 Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, §15311 Class 11, Accessory Structures.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

The proposed project would consist of rehabilitating the library, including the classrooms, a storage room, and restrooms located interior to the library building. Alterations would also be made to the hardscape surrounding the library to create ADA accessible entries and walkways to and around the library building. As a result of the project, no expanded use of the library nor an increase in student enrollment would occur. Therefore, this component of the proposed project would be exempt from CEQA under Section 15301.

The proposed project would rehabilitate the interior and exterior of the library and the rehabilitated library would serve the same purpose and would not be expanded. The proposed project would also replace the existing landscaped areas and the existing marquee sign on the east side of the campus. The new marquee sign and landscaping would have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the existing marquee and landscaping. Therefore, these components of the proposed project would be exempt from CEQA under Section 15302.

The proposed project would include the rehabilitation of the exterior and interior of the library. The exterior improvements would consist of constructing a new ADA ramp, construct new ADA accessible walkways to the library's entrance, and install new double doors at the library's west entrance. Further, the proposed project would also add 22 new parking spaces to parking lot 1. The exterior and walkway improvements to the library building and the additional spaces to parking lot 1 would be accessory uses to the campus and support existing uses. Therefore, these components of the proposed project are exempt from CEQA under Section 15303.

The proposed project would include the construction of two new parking areas branching off of parking lot 1 and the replacement of the existing marquee sign. The new parking areas would include 22 additional parking spaces, 2 EV charging spaces, and a four-foot-wide offloading area in the northern new parking area. The existing parking area would be re-slurried and a new 6-inch curb would be constructed in the new northern parking area. The new parking area would be used by campus visitors and staff. The existing marquee sign would also be replaced. The new marquee sign would be LED based and would be similar in shape and in size and would be located in the same place as the existing marquee sign. The marquee sign would be used as a

CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act

source of information for the students, staff, parents, and the public. Therefore, these components of the proposed project would be exempt from CEQA under Section 15311.

See Attachment to Notice of Exemption for further explanation of the evaluation, which is available at the Sweetwater Union School District Office, 1130 Fifth Avenue Chula Vista, CA 91911.

Reasons why project is exempt

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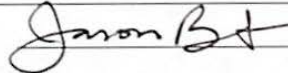
If filed by applicant:

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:

5/14/2024

Signature:



Title: Director of Planning & Construction