

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk
 County of: Los Angeles
 44509 16th St W, STE 103
 Lancaster, CA 93534

From: (Public Agency): Westside Union School District
41914 50th St W
Quartz Hill, CA 93536
 (Address)

Project Title: Westside Union School District Solar Project

Project Applicant: Westside Union School District

Project Location - Specific:
Multiple - see attached

Project Location - City: Lancaster Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project will allow for the installation of four new ground mount photovoltaic (PV) solar panel systems to replace existing systems at three elementary schools and the District office. The list of schools and their addresses is attached. The existing systems were installed in 2012. The Project will not increase student capacity or expand the school beyond its current footprint. The school will improve energy efficiency and reduce electrical demand while offsetting electricity generated by power plants burning fossil fuels. The Project would benefit the school, the District, the community and the region by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and lower their carbon footprint.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Westside Union School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Westside Union School District

Exempt Status: (check one):

- 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 §15301(c); Class 14 §15314
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____


Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 1 includes the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, and mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use; and Class 14 includes minor additions to existing schools where the addition does not increase student capacity by 25% or ten classrooms. The Project is consistent with these categorical exemptions because there would be no increase in student capacity and the Project would occur entirely within existing solar array areas already installed at the schools and District office. There is no new ground disturbance involved in this project.

Lead Agency
 Contact Person: Rob Garza Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (661) 722-0716

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:  Date: 6/12/24 Title: Assistant Superintendent

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.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Project Locations

West Side Union School District Office
41914 50th Street W
Quartz Hill, CA 93536

Cottonwood Elementary School
2740 W Avenue P-8
Palmdale, CA 93551

Del Sur Elementary School
9023 W Avenue H
Lancaster, CA 93536

Leona Valley Elementary School
9063 Leona Avenue
Leona Valley, CA 93551