

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles

12400 Imperial Highway

Norwalk, CA 90650

From: (Public Agency): Temple City Unified School District
9700 Las Tunas Drive
Temple City, CA 91780

(Address)

Project Title: Temple City High School Varsity Softball Field Project

Project Applicant: Not Applicable

Project Location - Specific:

Temple City High School - 9501 Lemon Ave., Temple City, CA 91780

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Converts the multi-purpose athletics field in the western portion of campus into a varsity softball field, including removal of existing natural turf field and installation of synthetic turf softball field; installation of a public address system on existing backstop; construction of two lighted softball batting cages with operating hours not to exceed 9 p.m.; and relocation of existing scoreboard from current location to northern fence line in right field of new field. See attached Resolution for further details.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Not Applicable

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Temple City Unified 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 4, 11, 14 (§§15304, 15311, 15314)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:


Project consists of converting existing multi-purpose practice field to a varsity softball field, including minor alterations to land by converting natural turf to synthetic turf on land with a slope of less than 10% that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (Class 4); construction of minor structures, including two batting cages, public address system on existing backstop, and a relocated scoreboard accessory to existing institutional facilities (Class 11); and all additions would not increase student capacity or add classrooms as they are conversions and upgrades to existing athletic facilities (Class 14). See attached Resolution for further details.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Anthony Salazar Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (626) 627-2164

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: 6/27/24 Title: Asst. Supt. Business Services
Connie Wu

- 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: _____

**TEMPLE CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION 2324-41**

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE TEMPLE CITY HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY
SOFTBALL FIELD PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY ACT, DECIDING TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT, AND DIRECTING THE
FILING OF A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS, the Temple City Unified School District (“District”) has developed the Temple City High School Varsity Softball Field Project (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project is located at Temple City High School, 9501 Lemon Ave., Temple City, CA 91780, an existing public school district campus (“Campus”); and

WHEREAS, the Project consists of converting the existing multi-purpose practice field into a varsity softball field, including the removal of the existing natural grass and dirt field and the installation of a synthetic turf softball field; installation of a public address system on the existing backstop; construction of two lighted softball batting cages in the field’s southwest corner, with operating hours not to exceed 9 p.m. nightly; and the relocation of an existing softball scoreboard from the current southern softball field to the northern fence line in right field of the new varsity softball field; and

WHEREAS, before the District may determine to carry out the Project, it must complete environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) for the Project, which exempts certain defined projects from completing a negative declaration or environmental impact report. District staff have determined that the Project meet the definitions of the Class 4, Class 11, and Class 14 Categorical Exemptions; and

WHEREAS, the District must comply with CEQA for the Project before approving the Project; and

WHEREAS, categorical exemptions to CEQA are set forth in Article 19 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (“CEQA Guidelines”); and

WHEREAS, the Class 4 Categorical Exemption, set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15304, exempts a project that consists of minor alterations to land that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, including land grading with a slope of less than 10% and new gardening and landscaping features; and

WHEREAS, the Project consists of converting the existing multi-purpose practice field to a varsity softball field, including minor alterations to land by converting natural turf to synthetic turf on land with a slope of less than 10% that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, all of which are minor alterations to land that meet the definition of the Class 4 Categorical Exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Class 11 Categorical Exemption, set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15311, exempts a project that consists of construction or placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Project consists of converting the existing multi-purpose practice field into a varsity softball field, including installation of a public address system on the existing backstop; construction of two lighted softball batting cages in the field’s southwest corner, with operating hours not to exceed 9 p.m. nightly; and the relocation of an existing scoreboard from the current southern softball field to the northern fence line in right field of the new varsity softball field. These improvements comprise a limited

number of new relatively small structures accessory to an existing playfield within a public-school campus, which is institutional and in a built-up urban environment. Thus, these elements of the Project fit within the Class 11 Categorical Exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Class 14 Categorical Exemption, set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15314, exempts a project that includes minor additions to existing schools that do not increase student capacity by more than 25% or ten (10) classrooms, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, the Project consists of converting the existing multi-purpose practice field into a varsity softball field, including installation of synthetic turf, a public address system on the existing backstop, two new lighted batting cages, and relocation of an existing scoreboard, which will not increase capacity or add classrooms to the Campus. Therefore, the Project would not increase capacity by more than 25% or ten (10) classrooms. Thus, the Project meets the definition of Class 14 Categorical Exemption; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 provides six exceptions that would disqualify a project from being categorically exempt. These are 1) for Class 4 and Class 11 Categorical Exemptions, a project located within a particularly sensitive environmental location; for Class 4, Class 11, and Class 14 Exemptions, 2) where the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place would be significant over time; 3) a significant environmental impact would occur due to unusual circumstances; 4) a project that would cause damage to scenic elements within a designated state scenic highway; 5) a project that is on a site designated as a Hazardous Waste Site; and 6) a project that causes a substantial adverse change to a historical resource; and

WHEREAS, none of the six exceptions apply to the Class 4, Class 11, or Class 14 Categorical Exemptions: (1) the Project is not within a sensitive environmental location, as it is within an already established school campus surrounded by urban uses; (2) the Project follows a similar project at the Campus that includes constructing a new field house and modernizing the existing track and field area, athletic field for football, soccer and other sports, and existing varsity baseball field; however, the Project would not add additional bleachers and would create at most a negligible increase in use, as the existing multi-purpose field is already used for a variety of athletic purposes by sports teams on Campus, and therefore would not result in cumulative environmental impacts, with no other similar, successive projects proposed; (3) there are no known unusual circumstances that would be caused by the conversion of an existing multi-purpose practice field into a varsity softball field; (4) according to the Caltrans Scenic Highway System Map website, the Project site is neither near nor visible from officially designated State of California scenic highways, so no scenic highways or resources would be affected as a result of the Project; (5) the Project site is not a designated Hazardous Waste site; (6) the Project does not involve changes to buildings, so the Project would not cause any changes to any potential historical resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for good and sufficient cause based on the entire record of proceedings, the Temple City Unified School District Board of Education ("Board") hereby finds as follows:

1. The above recitals are adopted as true and correct.
2. The Project meets the definition of the Class 4 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15304), because the Project consists of converting the existing multi-purpose practice field to a varsity softball field, including minor alterations to land by converting natural turf to synthetic turf on land with a slope of less than 10% that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, all of which are minor alterations to land that meet the definition of the Class 4 Categorical Exemption.
3. The Project meets the definition of the Class 11 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15311), because the Project consists of converting the existing multi-purpose practice field into a varsity softball field, including installation of a public

address system on the existing backstop; construction of two lighted softball batting cages in the field's southwest corner, with operating hours not to exceed 9 p.m. nightly; and the relocation of an existing scoreboard from the current southern softball field to the northern fence line in right field of the new varsity softball field. These improvements comprise a limited number of new relatively small structures accessory to an existing playfield within a public-school campus, which is institutional and in a built-up urban environment. Thus, these elements of the Project fit within the Class 11 Categorical Exemption.

4. The Project meets the definition of the Class 14 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines, § 15314), because the Project consists of converting the existing multi-purpose practice field into a varsity softball field, including installation of synthetic turf, a public address system on the existing backstop, two new lighted batting cages, and relocation of an existing scoreboard, which will not increase capacity or add classrooms to the Campus. Therefore, the Project would not increase capacity by more than 25% or ten (10) classrooms. Thus, the Project meets the definition of the Class 14 Categorical Exemption.
5. None of the exceptions under CEQA Guidelines §15300.2 apply here.
6. The applicable requirements of CEQA have been fulfilled by the District for the Project.
7. The Board hereby separately and finally decides to carry out (i.e., approve) the Project for immediate construction.
8. The Superintendent, or designee, is authorized and directed to take such further actions as may be necessary or convenient to carry out said Project.
9. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

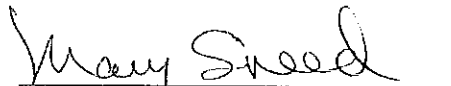
ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED by the Temple City Unified School District of Los Angeles County at its regularly scheduled meeting held on this 26th day of June 2024.

AYES: Georgino, Smith, Sneed, Bell, Espinoza

NAYS: None

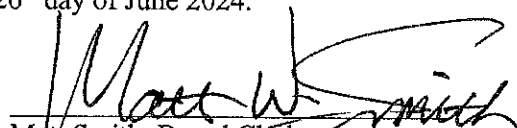
ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None



Mary Sneed, President
Board of Education

I, Matt Smith, Clerk of the Board of Education of the Temple City Unified School District, do certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the Board of Education at its regularly scheduled board meeting held on this 26th day of June 2024.



Matt Smith, Board Clerk
Temple City Unified School District