

CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

From: Sweetwater Union High School District

1130 Fifth Avenue

Chula Vista, CA 91911

County Clerk
County of San Diego

1600 Pacific Highway, Room 260

San Diego, CA 92101

East Hills Academy Student Services Building Project

Project Title

1719 Rock Mountain Road

Project Location - Specific

Chula Vista

Project Location - City

San Diego

Project Location - County

The District proposes to construct a new East Hills Academy student services building, paved walkways, and ornamental landscaping and reconstruct the basketball court. The new student services building will be one story, approximately 1,280 square foot (32 feet by 40 feet), modular building. The new student services building will include five offices and a psychologist office/conference room. The new building will be constructed on the existing campus basketball court; thus, demolition of the hardscape and court will be required.

The proposed project will reconstruct the basketball court west of the new student services building and relocate the basketball hoop and fence to the newly constructed basketball court. The proposed project would also include new benches, walkways, and ornamental landscaping. The proposed project will require removal of five trees and various shrubs. The proposed project will benefit the district and students and staff by providing enhanced educational services and athletic facilities.

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

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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: §15302 Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction, §15303 Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, §15314 Class 14, Minor additions to schools
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

The proposed basketball court and landscaping are exempt from CEQA under Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (Section 15302). The proposed basketball court and landscaping will be constructed within the same campus and located within the same area. The following improvements will be located on campus to serve students and not increase student capacity; the project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15302.

The proposed student services building, basketball court, basketball hoop and fencing are exempt from CEQA under Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Section 15303). The proposed student services building, basketball court, basketball hoop and fencing are small new structures that will be located within the school campus. Additionally, the proposed student services building will be a total of 1,280 square feet, well below the allowed 2,500 square feet for small structures. The improvements will be located on campus to serve students and not increase student capacity; the project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15303.

The proposed student services building is exempt from CEQA under class 14, Minor Additions to Schools (Section 15314). The student services building will include five small offices and a psychologist office/conference room. Thus, the proposed project will not increase the number of classrooms nor increase student capacity. Since the new buildings will 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. See Attachment to Notice of Exemption for further explanation of the evaluation, which is available at the Sweetwater Union High 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:

Signature:  Title: Director of Planning and Construction