

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Chaffey Joint Union High School District
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Rancho Cucamonga High School New Two-Story Music Building U and Building M and Building D
Modernization Project
Project Title

11801 Lark Drive
Project Location - Specific

Rancho Cucamonga
Project Location - City

San Bernardino
Project Location - County

The District proposes to modernize two buildings (Building D and Building M) and demolish and reconstruct one building (Building U), located on the RCHS campus. Below are the specifications for the buildings.

Building D

The proposed project would include the demolition of interior non-bearing walls and partial exterior demolition for new building openings. The proposed project would modernize Building D and would provide student achievement area, offices, a speed line with north and south dining rooms, a career/wellness center and community hub, a vestibule, health lab, a TV/video classroom, and accessory uses. The number of offices in Building D will be increased by seven. No new square footage is proposed.

Building M

The proposed project would include the demolition of non-bearing walls and partial exterior demolition for new building openings. As part of the proposed project, the current uses of the building would be modernized to accommodate a study area with lounge, a workroom, career center, student store, vestibules, restrooms, support spaces, and additional storage. No new square footage is proposed.

Modernization of Buildings D and M would relocate MPR and drama uses currently in Building M to the existing auditorium onsite.

Building U

The proposed project would demolish existing Building U, which includes a music building with a band room, choir room, office, storage, and electrical room, to construct a new two-story music building with similar uses in its place. The existing building is one story and 5,105 square feet. The proposed building would be two stories with approximately 10,013 square feet, a net increase of approximately 4,908 square feet. As part of the project, existing outdoor paving around the building will also be replaced.

As a whole, the proposed project would result in a net increase of three classrooms. The proposed project would not affect enrollment at RCHS.

The proposed project will benefit the district and students and staff by providing enhanced educational services and modernized facilities.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Chaffey Joint Union High School District

Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Chaffey Joint 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, Existing Facilities, §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 project is exempt from further environmental review under the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21000 et seq.) because it is consistent with Classes 1 (existing facilities), 2 (replacement or reconstruction), 3 (new construction or conversion of small structures), and 14 (minor additions to schools) as explained below.

Both Building D and Building M would involve minor alteration of the existing buildings. Improvements made in both buildings would include demolition of non-bearing walls and partial exterior demolition for new building openings and include modernization of interior uses. The improvements would be made within the existing structures and would not include expansion. No new square footage is proposed for both buildings. Since the improvements to Buildings D and M would modernize existing facilities within the buildings and would not include expansion, the project is exempt from CEQA under Class 1, Existing Facilities (Section 15301).

The modernization of buildings D and M includes demolition of interior non-bearing walls and reconstruction of building openings. Modernization of Buildings D and M does not increase square footage of the buildings and does not increase capacity of the structure. These buildings are currently used for educational purposes and would continue to be used for educational purposes. The removal and repaving of pavement around Building U would also be located on the same site and would have substantially the same purpose as the existing paving. The proposed modernization of Buildings D and M and repaving are exempt from CEQA under Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (Section 15302).

The proposed improvements to Building D and Building M are exempt from CEQA under Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Section 15303). The proposed Building D would convert the current student achievement area, offices, student store, vestibule, workroom distribution, storage, career/wellness center and community hub, two computer classrooms, and accessory spaces into modernized

student achievement area, offices, a speed line with north and south dining rooms, a career/wellness center and community hub, a vestibule, health lab, a TV/video classroom, and accessory uses. The number of offices in Building D will be increased by seven. No new square footage is proposed. Building M is currently used as a multi-purpose room (MPR) with a stage, drama room, dressing rooms, ticketing rooms, vestibules, bathrooms, speed line, and other supporting spaces. The current uses of the building would be modernized to accommodate a study area with lounge, a workroom, career center, student store, vestibules, restrooms, support spaces, and additional storage. No new square footage is proposed for Buildings D and M. Additionally, the external building improvements include new building openings are minor modifications to the exterior of the structures. The improvements will be located on campus to serve students and not increase student capacity; the project is exempt from CEQA under Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Section 15303).

The proposed project which includes the modernization of Building D and Building M, and the demolition and reconstruction of Building U, are exempt from CEQA under Class 14, Minor Additions to Schools (Section 15314). Modernization of Buildings D and M would not increase building square footage. The proposed Building U would be two-stories with approximately 10,013 square feet, a net increase of approximately 4,908 square feet compared to the existing Building U. As part of the project, outdoor paving around the building will also be replaced. The proposed project would result in a net increase of three classrooms. Since the proposed project 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 Chaffey Joint Union High School District Office at 211 West Fifth Street, Ontario, CA 91762.

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 Yes No the project

Date Received
for Filing:

Signature:



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