

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:  Mail Stop: A-33  
ARCC-Recorder  
Attn: CEQA Postings  
1600 Pacific Highway  
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: Mail Stop: 029  
County of San Diego,  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
Attn: Kiran Kaur  
5500 Overland Avenue, Suite 410  
San Diego, CA 92123

State Clearinghouse  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
P.O. Box 3044

**SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152**

Project Name: Playground Replacements at Various County Parks

Project Location: Agua Caliente County Park: 39555 Great Southern Overland Stage Route of 1849, Julian, CA 92036  
Flinn Springs County Park: 14787 Olde Hwy. 80, El Cajon, CA 92021  
William Heise County Park: 4945 Heise Park Road, Julian, CA 92036  
Lakeside Ballfields: 10030 Marathon Parkway, Lakeside, CA 92040  
Otay Lakes County Park: 2270 Wueste Road, Chula Vista, CA 91915  
Vallecito County Park: 37349 Great Southern Overland Stage Route of 1849, Julian, CA 92036

Project Applicant: County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation, 5500 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 565-3600

Project Description: The project is the replacement of playgrounds at Agua Caliente County Park, Flinn Springs County Park, William Heise County Park, Lakeside Ballfields, Otay Lakes County Park and Vallecito County Park. Five of the playgrounds will be replaced on the same site as the previous playground. The playground at Agua Caliente will be replaced but will be moved to a location under an existing shade structure.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

Date Form Completed: 9/23/2024

County Contact Person: Brad Roberts

Telephone: (858) 837-2480

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Director of Department of General Services has approved the above-described project on **September 3, 2024**, and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"):

- Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]
- Statutory Exemption. C Section:
- Categorical Exemption. G Section(s): 15301, 15302, 15303 and 15304
- G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan
- Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
- G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt pursuant to Sections 15301 - 15304 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Section 15301 is appropriate as the project is the replacement of existing facilities. Section 15302 is appropriate because the playgrounds will be replaced in the same location as previous playgrounds (except for Agua Caliente). Section 15303 is appropriate because the new playground at Agua Caliente will be moved to a location under an existing shade structure to provide shade to the users. Section 15304 is appropriate because minor land disturbance will be required to secure the playground structures. The holes/trenches will be backfilled.

Additionally, the project will not impact environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern that are designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted by government agencies; does not contribute to cumulative environmental impact; will not have a significant impact on the environment due to unusual circumstances; does not damage scenic resources within a designated state scenic highway; is not on the list of Hazardous Waste and Substance Sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; and does not cause adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (619) 539-4155

Name (Print): Crystal Benham Title: Chief, Resource Planning

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.