

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Corona-Norco Unified School District
2820 Clark Avenue, Norco CA 92860

County Clerk

County of: Riverside
4080 Lemon Street
Riverside, CA 92501

(Address)

Project Title: CNUSD Transportation Department Office Expansion Project

Project Applicant: Corona-Norco Unified School District

Project Location - Specific:

300 S. Buena Vista Ave, Corona, CA 92882

Project Location - City: Corona Project Location - County: Riverside County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project consist of (1) the placement of a 1,440 square foot modular building containing office spaces; (2) site improvements, including but not limited to, concrete walkways, underground utilities, landscaping and irrigation, and parking lot improvements. The beneficiaries will be the students, parents, staff, teachers, and administrators.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Corona-Norco Unified School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Corona-Norco 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: 15301 (Existing Facilities); 15314 (Minor Additions to Schools); 15311, 15303
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Please refer to the Attachment to NOE.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jacquelyn Roberts Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 951-230-2267

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: *[Handwritten Signature]* Date: 4/23/24 Title: Business Services - Asst. Superintendent

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: _____
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

ATTACHMENT TO NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Corona-Norco Unified School District

Corona-Norco USD Transportation Office Expansion Project

Reasons why the project is exempt:

The Project components are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") for the reasons elaborated upon below. Moreover, the Project as a whole is exempt from CEQA because the project components do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, whether individually or collectively. The combined effect of the different types of CEQA exemptions enumerated below places the Project as a whole outside the purview of CEQA. (*Surfrider Foundation vs. California Coastal Commission* (1994) 26 Cal.App.4th 151.) Furthermore, the Project is not subject to any of the exceptions enumerated in section 15300.2. The Project therefore does not require CEQA action beyond this Notice of Exemption.

- (1) The construction of a new building 1,440 square feet containing office space for the transportation department is categorically exempt pursuant to section 15314, as it consists of a minor addition to an existing school within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than twenty-five percent or ten classrooms, whichever is less. The building is further categorically exempt pursuant to section 15311, which exempts projects that consist of construction or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities.
- (2) The minor site improvements, including but not limited to, concrete walkways, underground utilities, landscaping and irrigation, and parking lot improvements are categorically exempt pursuant to section 15301, as they consist of minor alterations of an existing public facility involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.
- (3) Section 15303 additionally exempts projects that involve the construction of a new, small facility or structure like an office, such as the new building aforementioned in section (1), and the installation of utility extensions to serve the small structure, such as the underground utilities and irrigation aforementioned in section (2).

