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# Notice of Exemption

To: X Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
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385 North Arrowhead Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
San Bernardino, CA 92415

From: Colton Joint Unified School District  
1212 Valencia Drive  
Colton, CA 92324

Joe Baca Middle School Turf Field and Basketball Courts Modernization

**Project Title**

1640 South Lilac Avenue

**Project Location – Specific**

City of Rialto

San Bernardino County

**Project Location – City**

**Project Location – County**

The Colton Joint Unified School District (District) proposes a new 10-foot-wide walking trail and six accompanying fitness stations around the northern, eastern, and southern borders of the existing turf field at Joe Baca Middle School. Seven new light poles (two 60-foot-tall poles and five 80-foot-tall poles) would be installed to provide field lighting for evening use of the facility. Two basketball courts located in the center of the campus would be removed, and one new hardcourt for basketball and soccer (i.e., mini-pitch) would be constructed in its general location. The new hardcourt would also include two 30-foot-tall light poles for its evening use. The District would commence construction between December 2024 and March 2025. Construction would last approximately four months.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project**

Colton Joint Unified School District

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project**

Same as above

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project**

**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land) and Section 15314 (Class 14, Minor Additions to Schools)

The Project qualifies for a Class 4 exemption because it consists of minor excavation and trenching along the perimeter of a flat grass field and an asphalt area for a new walking path, six fitness stations, ten light poles, and a renovated basketball court and soccer mini-pitch. The Project site is in an urbanized area and void of any mapped and designated sensitive resources and geologic hazards. Project implementation will not require the removal of any trees. The Project also qualifies for a Class 14 exemption because it consists of minor additions to existing outdoor instructional spaces on an existing school. The Project would not increase the number of classrooms or student capacity at the school. None of the exceptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to the Project.

**Reasons why project is exempt**

Owen Chang, Director of Facilities Planning and Construction

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**Lead Agency Contact Person**

**Telephone/Extension**

**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

Signature: 

Date: 10/29/24

Title: Facilities Director

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant