

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerk  
County of Ventura  
800 S. Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93001

From: City of Simi Valley  
2929 Tapo Canyon Road  
Simi Valley, CA 93063

Project Title: CUP-S-2024-0012 (Administrative Action)

Project Location - Specific: 1765 Royal Avenue

Project Location - City: Simi Valley Project Location - County: Ventura

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Request to remove 14 sport field light poles and replace with 70-foot tall sport field light poles at three softball fields.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Simi Valley 11/27/2024  
Date of Approval

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Rancho Simi Recreation and Park 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 Class 1, Section 15301  
 Statutory Exemption. State code number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Common Sense Exemption [Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

**Text of exemption and reasons why project is exempt:**

Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines, titled "Existing Facilities," reads as follows:

"Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The types of "existing facilities" itemized below are not intended to be all-inclusive of the types of projects that might fall within Class 1. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use."

The proposed project includes the installation of 70-foot tall sport field lights to replace the existing 14 sport field lights, ranging between 35-45 feet tall, at three softball fields. This change constitutes a minor alteration to an existing structure and does not involve an expansion of the existing softball fields. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

**Lead Agency**

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Signature:  Date: 11/27/2024 Title: Assistant Planner

Signed by Lead Agency