

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
 County Clerk
 County of: Los Angeles
 P.O. Box 1208
Norwalk, CA 90651-1208

From: (Public Agency): Lancaster School District
44711 Cedar Ave
Lancaster, CA 93534
 (Address)

Project Title: Lancaster School District Modernization and New Construction Project at New Vista Middle School

Project Applicant: Lancaster School District

Project Location - Specific:
753 East Avenue K2, Lancaster, CA 93535

Project Location - City: Lancaster Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Lancaster School District proposes to modernize the school's existing permanent classrooms, upgrade the library, make limited improvements to some portables, as well as construct new science labs and a music room for the benefit of current and future students. The goal of the project is to upgrade facilities with 21st century amenities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Lancaster School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Lancaster 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: Class 1 (Section 15301) / Class 14 (Section 15314)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed location integrates the new classrooms within the boundary of the existing school site and includes updates to some existing facilities qualifying for a Class 1 exemption. Based on the number of proposed new classrooms (fewer than 10) and that the new facilities would not increase enrollment by greater than 25%, a Class 14 exemption would be applicable to the Proposed Project. Section 15314 of the CEQA Guidelines states that a Class 14 exemption from CEQA consists of minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25 percent or 10 classrooms (whichever is less). The modernization of classrooms, upgrade to the library, and limited improvements to some portables would be exempt under the application of a Class 1 exemption. As the new classrooms would be located within the existing boundary of the school and would include work within existing facilities, no exceptions listed under Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines to the exemption would apply.

Lead Agency
 Contact Person: Paul Marietti, Superintendent Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 661-948-4661

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: Paul Marietti Date: 8/9/2024 Title: Superintendent
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Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-25:25

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LANCASTER SCHOOL DISTRICT MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MODERNIZATION AND NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AT NEW VISTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Lancaster School District (“District”) is constructing new science labs and a music room, modernizing the existing permanent classrooms, and making limited improvements to select portable classrooms at New Vista Middle School located at 753 E Ave K2, Lancaster, CA 93535 (“Project”);

WHEREAS, the District’s consultant, Terraphase Engineering, has prepared a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis report for the project indicating that the project qualifies for Class 1 and Class 14 Categorical Exemptions, under CEQA Sections 15301 and 15314;

WHEREAS, the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 provides conditions under which categorical exemptions are inapplicable and the CEQA report prepared by Terraphase Engineering reviewed the project and indicated that the project will not violate any of the conditions;

WHEREAS, the project would result in the construction and location of a limited number of new facilities and repurpose of existing facilities within the boundaries of the existing school site;

WHEREAS, the project would not increase the student capacity by more than 25%, nor would the project implement more than 10 classrooms;

WHEREAS, the project would not result in cumulative development, would have no unusual circumstances, would not damage scenic resources, is not located on a hazardous site, and would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Lancaster School District hereby finds, determines, declares, orders, and resolves as follows:

- (1) All of the recitals set forth above are true and adopted as a part of the District’s official record;
- (2) The Board of Trustees of the Lancaster School District (“Board”) has reviewed the Project and finds that pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15301 and 15314, the Project qualifies as a Class 1 and a Class 14 Categorical Exemption and no further analysis is required;
- (3) The Board approves the filing and recordation of a CEQA Notice of Exemption;
- (4) This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage; and
- (5) the District’s Superintendent or their designee is authorized to take such actions and execute such agreements and documentation necessary to affect the intent of this Resolution;

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Lancaster School District on this 4th day of February, 2025, by the following vote:

Board of Trustees:	Ayes:	Nays:	Abstentions:	Absences:
President Pamela Starlson	X			
Vice President Greg Tepe	X			
Clerk Keith Giles	X			
Trustee Jullie Eutsler	X			
Trustee Duane Winn	X			



Pamela Starlson
President of the Board of Trustees
Lancaster School District

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced, passed and adopted by the members of the Board of Trustees of the Lancaster School District at a public meeting of said Board held on February 4, 2025.



Keith Giles
Clerk of the Board of Trustees
Lancaster School District

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Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
02/04/2025 05:00 PM
Park View Educational Complex Board Room
808 W. Avenue J | Lancaster, CA 93534
www.lancsd.org

Printed : 2/5/2025 3:34 PM PT

ITEM : 12.c. Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-25:25 Making Environmental Findings in Connection with the Modernization and New Construction Project at New Vista Middle School (v)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution No. 2024-25:25 - Making Environmental Findings in Connection with the Modernization and New Construction Project at New Vista Middle School.

Rationale

The District is proceeding with the construction of a new science lab, a new music room, modernizing the existing permanent classrooms, and making limited improvements to select portable classrooms at New Vista Middle School.

Terraphase Engineering has prepared a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis report for the project indicating that the project is eligible for Class 1 and Class 14 Categorical Exemptions, under CEQA Sections 15301 and 15314. The District has determined that New Vista Middle School Project is exempt from environmental review under CEQA pursuant to the provisions of CEQA Guidelines for Categorical Exemptions §15301 – Existing Facilities and §15314 - Minor Additions to Schools. The State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 provides conditions under which categorical exemptions are inapplicable. The CEQA report reviewed the project and indicated that the project will not violate any of the conditions. The purpose of this resolution is to confirm the findings that the project qualifies for Categorical Exemption from CEQA. Upon Board approval, a Notice of Exemption will be subsequently filed with the County of Los Angeles.

Contact Person

Larry Freise, Ed.D. / Mary Ellen Butterworth

Supporting Documents

[New Vista MS CEQA Exemption Resolution 2024-25.25](#)
[Signed NOE-Lancaster SD New Vista](#)

Goals

Fiscal Stewardship

Type

Business, Individual

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