

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Saugus Union Unified School District

24930 Avenue Stanford

Santa Clarita, CA 91355

County Clerk
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Mountainview Elementary School Improvements Project

Project Title

22201 Cypress Place

Project Location - Specific

Santa Clarita

Project Location - City

Los Angeles

Project Location - County

The District proposes improvements to the Mountainview Elementary School campus to upgrade restroom facilities, enhance play and recreational areas, improve site infrastructure, and comply with accessibility and safety standards.

The proposed project will include improvements to existing restrooms and the construction of new restrooms facilities within Buildings B, C, and D; removal and replacement of asphalt and ball walls on the campus playground, and installation of new play equipment on the existing play area in the center of the campus; installation of a new walking track and replacement of the existing turf and irrigation system in the playfield area within the north and northwestern portion of the campus; installation of a new shade structure over existing playground equipment in the southwestern corner of the campus; and replacement of asphalt and restriping on existing parking lots and driveway, located on the eastern side of the campus.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Saugus Union School District

Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Saugus Union School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

Exempt Status: (check one below)

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, Existing Facilities (CEQA Guidelines § 15301); Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (CEQA Guidelines § 15303); Class 11, Accessory Structures (CEQA Guidelines § 15311); Class 14, Minor Additions to Schools (CEQA Guidelines § 15314).

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

The proposed project, which includes updates to the existing track, turf, irrigation system, play areas, equipment, and restrooms on the Mountainview ES campus, is exempt from CEQA under Class 1 (Existing Facilities) as outlined in Section 15301. These improvements are limited to the existing campus facilities, represent minimal changes, and will not lead to any expansion of use or increase in student capacity. Thus, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.

The proposed project involves the construction of new small-scale restroom facilities and the addition of play equipment and new shade structures within Mountainview Elementary School's existing recreational spaces, which is exempt from CEQA under Class 3 (Section 15303). These additions are designed to serve the current student population, will not increase student capacity, and are located within the established campus infrastructure. The size and nature of these structures meet the criteria for 'small structures' as defined by CEQA. Therefore, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15303.

The proposed updates to Mountainview Elementary School's existing parking lot and restroom facilities qualify for a CEQA exemption under Class 11, Accessory Structures (Section 15311). These improvements, which include replacement of asphalt and restriping on the existing parking lots and driveway, and the construction of new restrooms facilities within Buildings B, C, and D, are considered minor accessory structures directly related to the school's existing operations and do not alter its primary function. Therefore, the proposed project is exempt from further CEQA analysis under Section 15311.

The proposed improvements, including the construction of a new shade structure and new restroom facilities within the existing Mountainview ES campus, are exempt from CEQA under Class 14 (Section 15314). These minor additions will serve the current student population, enhance recreational spaces, and are designed to integrate with the existing campus infrastructure, without increasing student capacity or adding new classrooms. Therefore, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15314.

The proposed project will not alter or expand the existing school use, alter the school boundaries, increase student population, or increase the number of classrooms on the campus. and the proposed project will only make minor modifications to the existing campus, and no off-campus improvements will occur. The proposed project was also reviewed for possible exceptions under Section 15300.2 and found that the exceptions do not apply.

See Attachment to Notice of Exemption for further explanation of the evaluation, which is available for review at the District office.

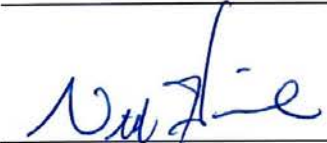
Reasons why project is exempt

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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

Date
Received for
Filing:

Signature: 

Title: Assistant Superintendent of Business