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Notice of Exemption

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From: San Bernardino County  
Department of Public Works  
Environmental Management Division  
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Project Description

**Project Title:** Acquisition of Improved Property in Rancho Cucamonga on Behalf of Preschool Services Department  
**Project Location:** The property is located at 8163 Rochester Avenue in the City of Rancho Cucamonga, San Bernardino County (APN: 0229-023-06-0000), approximately 170 feet south of Foothill Boulevard. It is bounded by Rochester Avenue to the west, a single-family residence and tire store to the north, vacant land to the east, and commercial office buildings to the south.  
**Project Description:** The San Bernardino County Preschool Services Department proposes to acquire a two-story office building and associated infrastructure such as paved parking, landscaping, and utility connections. The purpose of the acquisition is to provide a permanent facility for the San Bernardino County Preschool Services Department to consolidate administrative operations and deliver early childhood development services in a centralized location. The existing structure, constructed in 2008, is approximately 39,600 square feet in size and designed for professional office use. The building currently accommodates general office tenants, and the proposed future use will maintain similar intensity and functionality. Any alterations to the facility will be limited to interior improvements such as office reconfiguration, security enhancements, accessibility upgrades, or the addition of classroom-style spaces for early education activities. These modifications are anticipated to be minor in scope and will not involve expansion of the building footprint or substantial changes to building systems. The project is not expected to result in any significant changes to traffic patterns, utility demand, noise levels, or other environmental factors. The property is already connected to municipal water, sewer, and electrical services, and is compliant with local development and zoning standards. No grading, exterior construction, or disturbance of native soils is planned, and no significant environmental impacts are anticipated as a result of this action. The project qualifies for categorical exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as the acquisition and use of an existing facility involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

**Applicant**  
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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)];
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section: Class 1 Categorical Exemption (Section 15301 – Existing Facilities), Class 32 Categorical Exemption (Section 15332 – Infill Development Projects)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other Exemption: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1 Categorical Exemption (Section 15301 – Existing Facilities), which applies to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment, and under the Class 32 Categorical Exemption (Section 15332 – Infill Development Projects), which applies to qualified infill development within urbanized areas that meets specific zoning, infrastructure, and environmental criteria.

Arlene B. Chun Engineering Manager, Environmental Mgmt. Div. 05/06/2025  
Signature Arlene B. Chun, M.S., P.E. Title Date

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A