

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
(CEQA Guidelines §15062)

To: Riverside County Clerk
4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor
Riverside, CA 92501
(Filed Electronically: CEQAProcessing@asrclrec.com)

From: Moreno Valley Unified School District
25634 Alessandro Boulevard
Moreno Valley, CA 92553

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
(Filed Electronically: ceqasubmit.opr.ca.gov)

Project Name: Closure of March Valley High School

Project Location (specific): March Valley High School ("MVHS"), a Moreno Valley Unified School District ("District") opportunity school, shares a campus with the District's March Mountain High School ("March Mountain HS"), which is located at 24551 Dracaea Avenue, Moreno Valley, CA

Project Location: (City) Moreno Valley, CA
(County) Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Board of Education of the Moreno Valley Unified School District ("Board of Education") adopted Resolution No. 2023-24-125 to thereby authorize the closure of March Valley HS due to enrollment being less than fifty percent of the 110 student program capacity. March Valley HS students may elect to transfer to March Mountain HS (in effect staying on the same campus), and existing capacity at March Mountain HS is sufficient to accommodate all of the March Valley HS students. March Valley HS students also may elect to transfer to their respective home schools, and existing capacity at those home schools is sufficient to accommodate all March Valley HS students who elect to transfer to their respective home schools.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Moreno Valley Unified School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Moreno Valley Unified School District

Exempt Status

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(6); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 14 CCR Section 15314
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Public Resources Code Section 21080.18
- ☐ [Sec. 15061(b)(3)]
- ☒ See below

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Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

Public Resources Code Section 21080.18 provides that CEQA requirements are inapplicable to the closing of any public school in which kindergarten or any of grades 1 through 12 is maintained or the transfer of students from that public school to another school if the only physical changes involved are categorically exempt under Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 15000) of Division 6 of Title 14 of the California Administrative Code. 14 CCR Section 15314 sets forth a categorical exemption for minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less. See *San Lorenzo Valley Community Advocates for Responsible Education v. San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District* (2006) 139 Cal.App.4th 1356; 44 Cal.Rptr.3d 209.

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If filed by applicant: *Not Applicable*

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?

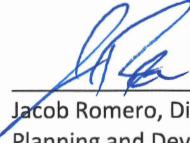
Submission of this form is optional. State agencies may file the form with the Office of Planning and Research pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21108(b). Local agencies may file this form with the county clerk and with the Office of Planning and Research pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152(b). The filing of the notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to the approval of the project under Public Resources Code Section 21167(d). Failure to file the notice results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days. The information filed by state agencies is maintained at the Office of Planning and Research, 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, California, 95814; telephone (916) 445-0613.

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Signed: _____

7/2/2024



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