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37-11/20/2024-0955

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LEAD AGENCY SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 11/20/2024
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO	DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2024-0955
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PROJECT TITLE
GRANGER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER 619-585-5553
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1130 FIFTH AVENUE	CITY CHULA VISTA	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 91911
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)
☐ Local Public Agency ☒ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,051.25	\$	0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$	0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$	0.00

☒ Exempt from fee

☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)

☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
☒ County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
☐ Other		\$	0.00

PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

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AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

San Diego County Clerk, ELVA STOPKE, Deputy

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TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

**GRANGER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT**

Check Document being Filed:

- ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- ☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- ☒ Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- ☐ Other (Please fill in type):

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CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Sweetwater Union High School District

1130 Fifth Avenue

Chula Vista, CA 91911

☒ County Clerk
County of San Diego

1600 Pacific Highway, Room 260

San Diego, CA 92101

Granger Junior High School Building and Site Improvements Project

Project Title

2101 Granger Avenue

Project Location - Specific

National City

Project Location - City

San Diego

Project Location - County

The District proposed to demolish three existing buildings (physical education building and Buildings 903 and 904) to construct one new building, renovate and expand the campus' quad, build new walkways, and landscape parts of the campus. The physical education building, Buildings 903 and 904, and the concrete platform, located in the quad, would be demolished. Other features of the project site would also be demolished, which include eight basketball hoops, four full court basketball courts (pavement), portions of the remaining basketball courts and volleyball court (pavement), northeast of the current physical education building, twelve trees, the dirt playfield south of the physical education building, the pavement walkway that starts behind Classroom Buildings 200 through 600 and ends at the existing physical education building, and the fencing surrounding the basketball courts, volleyball courts, the hopscotch play area, the physical education building, and Buildings 903 and 904. The landscape east of the physical education building and the pavement surrounding the physical education building and Buildings 903 and 904 would also be demolished.

The proposed building would be in the eastern portion of the campus, near Van Ness Avenue. The building would be a single-story building 28 feet in height and include 28 rooms which would total 14,728 square feet. The multipurpose room would be used for assemblies, performances, and other school activities. No new events are proposed as part of the proposed project.

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In addition to the proposed multipurpose building, the remaining basketball courts and volleyball court would be reconfigured to include four full court basketball courts and four volleyball courts overlaid on each other. Adjacent to the reconfigured basketball courts and volleyball court, four new multi-sport courts would be built (no pickleball proposed). The existing asphalt would remain for these areas.

The existing dirt and grass play field would be renovated. Renovations would include restoring two acres of the play field with decomposed granite, building a walking track using decomposed granite, placing wood mulch, modifying the asphalt under the existing bike rack, and installing two metal backstops for baseball, softball, and other sports. Fencing would be placed along the eastern edge of the decomposed granite playfield and the existing landscaping located along the eastern edge of the campus would remain.

The existing walkways will be repaved to include a mix of concrete, concrete pavers, asphalt, artificial turf, and planters and planting areas. Areas surrounding the proposed multipurpose building and the walkway northeast of Buildings 200 through 600 would include a mix of new concrete, concrete pavers, asphalt, and planting areas. The quad's existing asphalt would be modified, and a new planting area would be installed and the existing solar panels would remain. The walkways surrounding the multipurpose building and the new walkway northeast of Buildings 200 through 600 would also include benches and landscaping.

Landscaping would be done in the proposed irrigated planters throughout the project site. As part of the landscaping plan for the proposed project, some of the existing trees would be removed and some would remain. In particular, 10 Mexican Fan Palms located northeast of the proposed multipurpose building would remain, and 12 Mexican Fan Palms behind the existing physical education building would be removed to make room for new trees, shrubs, and ground cover. The proposed landscaping would be located in the area surrounding the proposed multipurpose building, the walkway northeast of Buildings 200 through 600, and the quad.

As part of the project, a stormwater system would be constructed, and any new utilities will be connected to the proposed project via underground. ADA upgrades would be constructed in the northwestern parking lot and would include an ADA passenger drop off area. The proposed project would not alter the basic functions of the project site and would not change nor increase the student capacity. The proposed project would not alter the existing vehicle or pedestrian access. Overall, the proposed project would benefit the GJHS students, staff, and the general community by providing enhanced educational and athletic facilities.

Construction of the proposed improvements is tentatively scheduled to be implemented in April 2025 and is anticipated to last approximately 16 months. All construction equipment and workers would be located within the boundaries of the campus, and contractors will adhere to construction noise regulations to avoid disruption to campus operations.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Sweetwater Union High School District
Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Sweetwater Union High School District
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

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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: §15301 Class 1, Existing Facilities, §15302 Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction, §15303 Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, §15314 Class 14, Minor Additions to Schools.
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

The proposed project would renovate the existing dirt and grass playfields to include a walking track and restore the existing dirt playfield with decomposed granite on the proposed multi-use field. The proposed walking track would be located on the existing grass playfield and be made of decomposed granite. Inside the walking track, the existing grass playfield would remain. The existing dirt playfield would be restored with new decomposed granite. The proposed renovations would continue to allow the students an area of the campus to participate in various activities. The proposed renovations would not expand the current use of the dirt and grass playfields and would be exempt from CEQA under Section 15301.

The proposed project would replace the existing physical education building, Buildings 903 and 904, the quad, existing basketball and volleyball courts, and existing walkways/landscaping with a new multipurpose building and reconstructed the quad, new basketball courts, volleyball courts, and multi-sport courts, walkways/landscaping in the same area of the existing physical education building and walkways/landscaping (see project description, above). The proposed multipurpose building will continue to serve academic purposes similar to the current buildings and will be located in the same area on campus. The proposed basketball, volleyball, and multi-sport courts would continue to serve the existing student population. The proposed quad and walkways/landscaping reconstruction would beautify the campus for staff, students, and the public. This project would be exempt from CEQA under Section 15302.

The proposed project would include the installation and construction of benches, planters, and backstops, located on the proposed walking track. The benches on the project site would consist of 19 flagstone boulder benches and 14 cast-in-place concrete benches and would be installed and constructed around the proposed multipurpose building and on the walkway northeast of Buildings 200 through 600. Irrigated planters would also be constructed in the same areas of the benches and would consist of trees, shrubs, and ground cover. Additionally, a new multiuse field would be installed in place of existing dirt and grass play field. The new multi-use field would include installing decomposed granite, building a walking track using decomposed granite, placing wood mulch, modifying the asphalt under the existing bike rack, and installing two metal backstops for baseball, softball, and other sports. The backstops would be located on the eastern and western corners of the proposed walking track. The proposed installation and construction of the benches and planters would beautify the campus for the students and staff and the installation of the backstops would allow for sports activities. This project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15303.

The proposed project is exempt from CEQA under Class 14, Minor Additions to Schools (Section 15314). The proposed project will demolish three existing buildings, construct one new building, renovate and expand the campus' quad, build new walkways, and landscape the project site. The proposed new building will consist of uses such as a band classroom, an art classroom and outdoor art area, a stage, storage, a concession stand, a weight room, a physical education studio, ASB room (classroom), and boys and girls locker rooms. The proposed project would result in a net increase of one classroom. All proposed improvements would occur on the GJHS campus. Since the new buildings are located within the same campus and will not increase the school classrooms by ten, the project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15314.

Therefore, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA under Sections 15301, 15302, 15303, and 15314. 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 at the Sweetwater Union High School District Office, 1130 Fifth Avenue Chula Vista, CA 91911.

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Reasons why project is exempt _____

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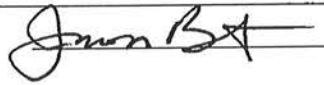
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If filed by applicant:

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: **Director of Planning & Construction**

SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 4938

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A NOTICE OF)
EXEMPTION FOR PURPOSES OF SATISFYING)
THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY)
ACT (CEQA) FOR THE GRANGER JUNIOR HIGH)
SCHOOL BUILDING AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS)
PROJECT, APPROVING THE PROJECT, AND)
DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO STAFF TO EXECUTE)
AND FILE THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION WITH)
THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK AND STATE)
CLEARINGHOUSE)**

ON THE MOTION OF Member Segura, seconded by Member Solis, the following resolution is adopted:

WHEREAS, the Sweetwater Union High School District (District) is a public school district organized and existing under the laws of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the District is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Granger Junior High School Building and Site Improvements (Project); and

WHEREAS, the Project includes the demolition of three existing buildings and existing basketball and volleyball courts. New multi-purpose building, renovation and expansion of the campus quad, new walkways, new multi-sport courts, new landscaping, renovation of the existing decompose granite and grass playfield, American for Disabilities Act (ADA) parking lot upgrades, and new stormwater system; and

WHEREAS, the District hired a firm specializing in CEQA environmental compliance that undertook environmental analysis for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the environmental analysis documents that the Project is categorically exempt under Categorical Exemption Classes 1, 2, 3, and 14, CEQA Guidelines Sections: 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and 15314 (Minor Additions to Schools), and a Notice of Exemption and accompanying Attachment have been prepared; and

WHEREAS, the board has reviewed and considered the environmental analysis completed for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the board has determined that the Notice of Exemption incorporated

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therein is adequate, complete, and has been prepared in accordance with CEQA; and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Exemption has been prepared in compliance with CEQA and reflects the District's independent judgment and analysis; and

WHEREAS, all other legal prerequisites to the adoption of this resolution have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1: The above recitals are true and correct.

Section 2: The Notice of Exemption prepared for the Project has been completed in accordance with CEQA guidelines.

Section 3: The Sweetwater Union High School District shall follow the requirements of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) by implementing the following standard practice prior to construction activities:

(a) If construction starts during nesting bird season, the District will perform a preconstruction nesting bird survey by a qualified biologist within three (3) days prior to the initiation of ground disturbance or vegetation removal activities associated with the Project.

Section 4: The Notice of Exemption reflects the board's independent judgment and analysis.

Section 5: The board hereby approves and adopts the Notice of Exemption for the project per the State CEQA guidelines.

Section 6: The board hereby approves the Project.

Section 7: The board hereby delegates authority to staff to execute and file the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse.

Section 8: The Notice of Exemption constitutes a record of these proceedings and will be kept at the offices of the Sweetwater Union High School District, located at 1130 Fifth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91911, under the control of the director of planning and construction.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Sweetwater Union High School District, County of San Diego, State of California, this 18th day of November, 2024,

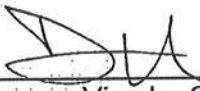
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by the following vote:

AYES: 3 (ARANCIBIA, SEGURA, SOLIS)
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 (EMERALD, LOPEZ-ZEPEDA)

State of California)
) SS
County of San Diego)

I, Deanne Vicedo, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Sweetwater Union High School District, County of San Diego, State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by said board at a regular meeting thereof, at the time and by the vote therein stated, which original resolution is on file in the office of said board.



Deanne Vicedo, Clerk

November 18, 2024
Date



Regular Board Meeting
11/18/2024 06:00 PM
Board Room, 1130 Fifth Avenue
Chula Vista, CA

Printed : 11/19/2024 9:25 AM PT

ITEM: O.3. Adopt Resolution No. 4938, Authorizing a Notice of Exemption for Purposes of Satisfying the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Granger Junior High School Building and Site Improvements Project, Approving the Project, and Delegating Authority to Staff to Execute and File the Notice of Exemption with the San Diego County Clerk and State Clearinghouse.

Issue

Resolution No. 4938.

Recommendation

Adopt Resolution No. 4938, Authorizing a Notice of Exemption for Purposes of Satisfying the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Granger Junior High School Building and Site Improvements Project, Approving the Project, and Delegating Authority to Staff to Execute and File the Notice of Exemption with the San Diego County Clerk and State Clearinghouse.

Analysis

For the Granger Junior High School Building & Site Improvements Project, the district hired an environmental consulting firm to conduct a CEQA environmental review.

Based on the firm's analysis of the project, the project has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment, and the project can be categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Sections: 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and 15314 (Minor Additions to Schools).

For questions regarding this board item, please contact Janea Quirk at (619) 585-6060 or janea.quirk@sweetwaterschools.org.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Supporting Documents

[O-3 - Reso 4938 GJH Building Site Improvements - NOE CEQA](#)

[O-3 - Reso 4938 GJH Building & Site Improvements - BackUp - NOE](#)

[O-3 - Reso 4938 GJH Building & Site Improvements - BackUp - NOE Attachment](#)

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