

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

From: San Ysidro School District  
4350 Otay Mesa Road  
San Diego, CA 92154

☒ County Clerk  
County of San Diego  
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 260  
San Diego, CA 92101

San Ysidro Middle School Renovation Project  
Project Title

4345 Otay Mesa Road  
Project Location - Specific

San Diego  
Project Location – City

San Diego  
Project Location – County

The San Ysidro School District plans to renovate and modernize the San Ysidro Middle School by upgrading the existing appearance, systems, and equipment; and improving components of site and buildings to enhance functionality and security. The proposed project would make improvements to the front entry, building interiors and exteriors, utilities, landscaping, track, shade structures, student innovation center, and would move the Main Office closer to the school's entry. The proposed project would not result in a change in the number of classrooms and/or capacity, and the District would submit plans to the California Division of the State Architect (DSA) in Summer 2025. Construction is anticipated to start in June 2025 and end in September 2026. Students and staff will benefit from the enhanced educational facilities, amenities, and circulation.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

San Ysidro School District  
Name of Public Agency Approving Project

San Ysidro 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: 15301 (Existing Facilities); 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction); 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land); 15311 (Accessory Structures)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

The proposed upgrades to the interior and exterior of buildings are exempt under CEQA Guidelines §15301 and §15302, and the replacement of the lockers would be exempt under CEQA Guidelines §15302. The proposed new fencing, new shade structures, conversion of Building 100 to the student collaboration and innovation center, conversion of Building 700 to the Main Office, and expansion of Building 700 by 1,200 square feet are exempt under CEQA Guidelines §15303. The proposed hardscaping, flooring replacement, landscaping, and trenching are exempt under CEQA Guidelines § 15304. The proposed new shade structures, fencing, marquee sign, signage and lockers are exempt under CEQA Guidelines §15311.

The proposed project was also reviewed for possible exceptions under Section 15300.2 and it was determined that the exceptions do not apply. Additional documentation supporting this conclusion is available at the District office.

Reasons why project is exempt

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Admin. Leadership, School Support and Safety

Contact Person:

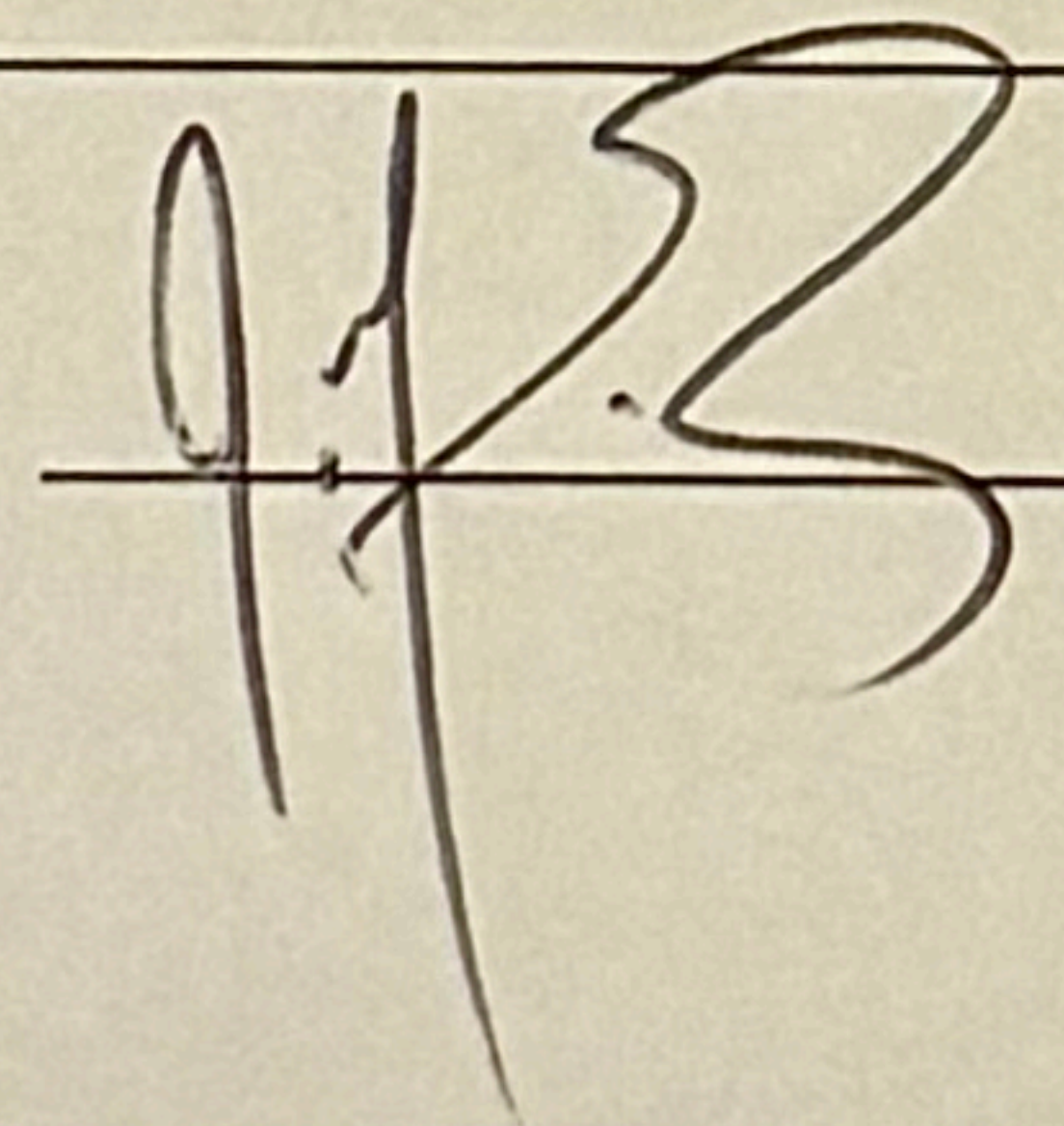
Area Code/Telephone/Extension:

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:

 5/22/25

Title: Assistant Superintendent – Admin. Leadership,  
School Support and Safety