

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Mail Stop: A-33
ARCC-Recorder
Attn: CEQA Postings
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: Mail Stop: 029
County of San Diego,
Department of Parks and Recreation
Attn: Kiran Kaur
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SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name: Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Outdoor Classroom

Project Location: 12020 Black Mountain Road, San Diego, CA 92129

Project Applicant: County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation, 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 270, San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 565-3600

Project Description: The project is the construction of an outdoor classroom at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve near the existing barn and ranch house. The purpose of the project is to provide a facility to host educational programs in an outdoor setting.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

Date Form Completed:

County Contact Person: Lorrie Bradley

Telephone: (619) 455-7721

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors has approved the above-described project on **June 4, 2025 (1)** and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]

Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]

Statutory Exemption. C Section:

Categorical Exemption. G Section(s): 15303, 15304 and 15311

G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan

Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.

G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: The Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Outdoor Classroom Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15303, 15304 and 15311 of the State CEQA Guidelines. Section 15303 is applicable because the project is the development of a small structure within an urbanized area. Additionally, the project is the development of a structure that complements the existing uses at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve (Preserve). Section 15304 is applicable because the project will require grading in areas less than 10% slope in previously disturbed areas. Section 15311 is applicable because the project complements the other uses at the Preserve.

Additionally, the project will not impact environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern that are designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted by government agencies; does not contribute to cumulative environmental impact; will not have a significant impact on the environment due to unusual circumstances; does not damage scenic resources within a designated state scenic highway; is not on the list of Hazardous Waste and Substance Sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; and does not cause adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature: _____ Telephone: (619) 209-9922

Name (Print): Kiran Seibel Title: Group Program Manager

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.