Notice of Exemption

To: ☐ State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
https://ceqasubmit.lci.ca.gov
☒ County Clerk-Recorder
County of Orange
12 Civic Center Plaza, Room 101
Santa Ana, CA 92701

From: Anaheim Union High School District
501 North Crescent Way
Anaheim, CA 92801

Project Title: South Junior High School Site Improvements Project

Project Applicant: Anaheim Union High School District

Project Location – Specific: South Junior High School, 2320 E. South St., Anaheim, CA 92806

Project Location – City: Anaheim Project Location – County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
Please refer to the Attachment to NOE, included herewith, for a description of the nature and purpose of the project. The beneficiaries will be the students and parents, staff, teachers, and administrators, and the surrounding community.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Anaheim Union High School District

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Exempt Status: **(check one):**

☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
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☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Please refer to the Attachment to NOE
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Reasons why project is exempt:
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Lead Agency
Contact Person: Patricia Neely Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (714) 999-3505

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: _____ Date: 11 / 14 / 2025 Title: Assistant Superintendent, Business

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice of Exemption for the South Junior High School Site Improvements Project

RESOLUTION NO. 2025/26-F-03

November 13, 2025

On the motion of Trustee Guerrero and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2022, the Anaheim Union High School District's (District) Board of Trustees (Board) adopted the updated District's Facilities Master Plan (FMP) to address the facilities needs of the District over the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, the District owns and operates South Junior High School, located at 2320 E. South St., in the city of Anaheim, County of Orange, State of California; and

WHEREAS, the South Junior High School Site Improvements Project (Project) is one of the projects identified in the approved FMP; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2025, the Board decided to carry out the Project; and

WHEREAS, the scope of work for the Project includes: (1) Technology and utility infrastructure and installation of security cameras and exterior/safety lighting; (2) Restroom accessibility upgrades; (3) Installation of security fencing and gates; (4) Installation of drought tolerant landscaping and water efficient irrigation; (5) Improvements to path-of-travel and concrete/asphalt paving; (6) Creation of outdoor learning courtyards with shade; (7) Parking lot improvements; and, (8) Installation of lunch shade shelter; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1974 ("CEQA"), Public Resources Code sections 21000 et seq., as amended, pursuant to Title 14, sections 15301, 15302, 15303, 15304, and 15311 of the California Code of Regulations, as the Project consists of the repair, maintenance, and minor alterations of existing public structures, facilities, and systems involving negligible or no expansion of use; the replacement and reconstruction of existing structures, facilities, and systems on the same site and having substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structures, facilities, and systems replaced; the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small structures and installation of small, new equipment in small structures; minor public alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation that do not

involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; and the construction and placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities; and

WHEREAS, the combined effect of the different types of CEQA exemptions enumerated above places the Project as a whole outside the purview of CEQA (*Surfrider Foundation v. California Coastal Commission* (1994) 26 Cal.App.4th 151); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Anaheim Union High School District hereby resolves and declares, as follows:

Section 1. The Notice of Exemption attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference is approved and adopted.

Section 2. The superintendent or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Notice of Exemption to be executed and timely filed with the Orange County Clerk-Recorder and with the State Clearinghouse at the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on November 13, 2025, by the following roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Magcalas, Hoshi, Randle-Trejo, Guerrero, and O'Neal

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)
) SS
)
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

I, Michael B. Matsuda, superintendent of the Anaheim Union High School District of Orange County, California, and secretary to the Board of Trustees thereof, hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the said Board at the regular meeting thereof held on the 13th day of November 2025, and passed by a roll call vote of all members of said Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of November 2025.

Michael B. Matsuda
Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

EXHIBIT "A"

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ATTACHMENT TO NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
Anaheim Union High School District
South Junior High School Site Improvements Project

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Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities); 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction); 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land); and 15311 (Accessory Structures).

Reasons why project is exempt:
The Project components are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") for the reasons elaborated upon below. Moreover, the Project as a whole is exempt from CEQA because the Project components do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, whether individually or collectively. The combined effect of the different types of CEQA exemptions enumerated below places the Project as a whole outside the purview of CEQA. (*Surfrider Foundation v. California Coastal Commission* (1994) 26 Cal.App.4th 151.) The Project therefore does not require CEQA action beyond this Notice of Exemption.

(1) Technology infrastructure is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301, as it consists of minor alterations of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use; and Section 15302, as it consists of the replacement of existing systems or facilities where the new systems or facilities will be located on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the systems or facilities being replaced.

(2) The modernization of existing facilities is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301, as it consists of minor alterations of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

(3) The installation of additional security fencing is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15303, as it consists of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small accessory structures (see paragraph (e), which lists fences as an example); and Section 15311, as it consists of the construction and placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities.

(4) The installation of drought tolerant landscaping and a water efficient irrigation system throughout area of work is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301, as it consists of minor alterations of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use; and Section 15304, as it consists of minor public alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy,

mature, scenic trees (see paragraph (b), which lists new gardening or landscaping and the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient landscaping as examples).

(5) Improvements to path-of-travel and concrete/asphalt paving is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301, as they consist of minor alterations of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

(6) The courtyard renovations with shade are categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301, as it consists of minor alterations of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use; and Section 15303, as it consists of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small structures (see paragraph (e), which lists accessory structures as an example); and Section 15311, as it consists of the construction and placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities.

(7) The parking lot improvements are categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301, as it consists of minor alterations of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

(8) The installation of lunch shade shelters is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15311, as it consists of the construction and placement of minor structures accessory to existing institutional facilities.