

Notice of Exemption

To: ■ Office of Planning and Research
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County of San Diego
590 3rd Avenue, Suite 204
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From: (Public Agency)

South Bay Union School District
601 Elm Avenue
Imperial Beach, CA 91932

Project Title: Central Elementary School Closure and Consolidation

Project Location - Specific: Central Elementary School (1290 Ebony Ave Imperial Beach, CA 91932); Bayside STEAM Academy (490 Emory St Imperial Beach, CA 91932); Emory Elementary School (1915 Coronado Ave San Diego, Ca 92154); Mendoza Elementary School (2050 Coronado Ave, San Diego, CA 92154); Oneonta Elementary School (1311 Tenth St Imperial Beach, CA 91932)

Project Location - City: Imperial Beach, California

Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

On November 12, 2025, the Board of Education ("Board") for the South Bay Union School District ("District") approved Resolution No. 25-012, which approved closure of Central Elementary School and consolidation of its operations into Bayside STEAM Academy, Emory Elementary School, Mendoza Elementary School, and Oneonta Elementary School.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: South Bay Union School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: South Bay Union School District

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- ☐ 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 Cal Code Regs , tit 14, § 15301 (Class 1)
- ☒ Categorical Exemption State type and section number Cal Code Regs , tit 14, § 15314 (Class 14)
- ☒ Categorical Exemption State type and section number Cal Code Regs , tit 14, § 15322 (Class 22)
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions State code number: Pub Res Code § 21080 18
- ☒ "Common Sense" Exemption Cal Code Regs , tit 14, § 15061(b)(3)

Reasons why project is exempt: No physical changes are anticipated to result from the Project because all of the District's schools listed above have sufficient capacity to accommodate all students that will be relocated as a result of the Project, without increasing school sizes beyond their historical enrollment or their capacity. Accordingly, the Project is statutorily exempt under Public Resources Code section 21080 18, and categorically exempt under Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 15301, 15314, and 15322. Further, because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Project will have an effect on the environment, the Project is exempt under the "common sense" exemption (Cal Code Regs , tit 14, § 15061(b)(3)). Finally, the Project is not located in a particularly sensitive environment, will not have cumulative impacts resulting from successive projects of the same type, and there are no unusual circumstances.

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Signature _____

Date December 3, 2025

Title: Assistant Superintendent

■ Signed by Lead Agency