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Exemption Code 6103

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County of Orange Orange County Clerk-Recorder P.O. Box 238 Santa Ana, CA 92701	**From:** City of Laguna Woods 24264 El Toro Road Laguna Woods, CA 92637 (949) 639-0500

Project Title: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Pedestrian Accessibility Improvement Project: Phase 9 – Expanded Scope

Project Applicant: City of Laguna Woods
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Project Location – Specific: The project is located within the City of Laguna Woods' public right-of-way in the following locations:

- Intersection of El Toro Road/Calle Sonora
- Intersection of El Toro Road/Home Depot & Town Centre
- Intersection of El Toro Road/Moulton Parkway
- Intersection of Moulton Parkway/Laguna Woods Village Gates 12 & 16
- Intersection of Moulton Parkway/Via Campo Verde
- Intersection of Santa Maria Avenue/Moulton Parkway
- Intersection of El Toro Road/Lutheran Church & Catholic Church
- Intersection of El Toro Road/Canyon Wren Lane
- Intersection of El Toro Road/Calle Corta
- Intersection of Moulton Parkway/Calle Cortez
- Intersection of Moulton Parkway/Via Iglesia
- Intersection of Moulton Parkway/Calle Aragon
- Eastbound El Toro Road between the signalized intersection at Home Depot/Town Center and Moulton Parkway

Project Location – City: Laguna Woods, California **Project Location – County:** Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project involves installing push button assemblies, Accessible Pedestrian Signals ("APS"), and conduit. The work also includes removing and constructing concrete sidewalk panels.

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The project is intended to improve accessibility for pedestrians and other users of the public sidewalk system. By improving accessibility, the project will facilitate better management of the public right of way and protect public safety and welfare.

The project is also intended to improve the ease and safety of pedestrian travel, while promoting compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, and Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The improvements are also called for in the General Plan Housing Element as part of Goal H-3 *(Administer housing and community development programs and activities in a manner to affirmatively further fair housing for all persons)* and Policy Objective H-3.1 *(Enhance access to housing)*.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Laguna Woods

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Laguna Woods

Exempt Status:

X	Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15301)
	Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
	Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
	Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
	Statutory Exemption
	Not Subject to CEQA (Sec. 15061(b)(3))

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14 (the State CEQA Guidelines) Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities). Section 15301 exempts from environmental review the "the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use."

Subsection (c) of Section 15301 provides the following as non-exclusive examples of types of "existing facilities," "Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety, and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes)."

Subsection (d) of Section 15301 provides the following as non-exclusive examples of types of "existing facilities": "Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety, unless it is determined that the damage was substantial and resulted from an environmental hazard such as earthquake, landslide, or flood."

Subsection (f) of Section 15301 provides the following as non-exclusive examples of types of "existing facilities": "Addition of safety or health protection devices for use during construction of or in conjunction with existing structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment, or topographical features including navigational devices."

The project consists only of repair, maintenance, and minor alteration work within the City of Laguna Woods' public right-of-way for existing public streets and arterial highways. The project does not expand the existing or former use of any public street or arterial highway. Push button assemblies and APS will be installed only where crosswalks already exist; no new crosswalks will be added. Concrete sidewalk panels will be removed and constructed where concrete sidewalks already exist. No new sidewalks will be added. The push button assemblies and APS are intended to improve ease of use and safety for individuals in wheelchairs, scooters, golf carts, and similar modes of transportation, as well as individuals with access and functional needs. The project will enhance the accessibility of existing facilities for the purpose of protecting public safety and welfare.

Based on the scope of work, the project meets the criteria for Class 1 categorical exemption.

Lead Agency Contact Person:

Signature: _____ Date: 12/19/2025

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