Notice of Exemption

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

Los Angeles County Clerk
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

From: Manhattan Beach Unified School District
325 S. Peck Ave.
Manhattan, CA 90266

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FILED
Jan 22 2026
Dean C. Logan, Registrar – Recorder/County Clerk
Electronically signed by BYRON PATTON JR

District-Wide Modernization and Upgrade Program
Project Title

Mira Costa High School-1401 Artesia Blvd., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266; Manhattan Beach Middle School-1501 N. Redondo Ave., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266; Grand View Elementary School-2617 Bell Ave., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266; Meadows Elementary School, 1200 Meadows Ave., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266; Pacific Elementary School, 1200 Pacific Ave., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266; Pennekamp Elementary School, 110 S. Rowell Ave., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266; Robinson Elementary School, 80 S. Morningside Dr., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266; Manhattan Beach Preschool, 1431 15th St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
Project Location – Specific

Manhattan Beach
Project Location – City

Los Angeles
Project Location – County

The Manhattan Beach Unified School District (District) proposes to undertake repair, upgrade, and modernization activities at multiple school sites as described on the attached resolution. The project would be carried out on existing school grounds and would not increase student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms at any school site. The proposed activity would benefit the District by yielding upgraded facilities and an enhanced learning environment.
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Manhattan Beach Unified School District
Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Manhattan Beach Unified School District
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED
ON January 22 2026
UNTIL February 23 2026
REGISTRAR – RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

Exempt Status:

☒ Categorical Exemption: Class 1, Repair, Maintenance, or Minor Alteration of Existing Structures and Facilities-CEQA Guidelines Section 15301; Categorical Exemption: Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures and Facilities-CEQA Guidelines Section 15302; Categorical Exemption: Class 14, Minor Additions to Schools-CEQA Guidelines Section 15314

The proposed project activities fall under the Class 1, 2, and 14 CEQA categorical exemptions. CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Minor Alteration of Existing Facilities), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures), and 15314 (Minor Additions to Schools) provide the applicable categorical exemptions. The proposed upgrade and modernization activities involve negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, and would not increase student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms at any school site.

The Project is not of statewide, regional, or areawide significance, per criteria in CEQA Guidelines Section 15206.

Exceptions (CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2) do not apply to the exemption. (a) The Project site is not in a sensitive environment that is mapped or adopted by federal, state, or local law. (b) The District does not propose any successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time at the Project site. (c) There are no unusual circumstances related to the Project that could cause a significant environmental effect. (d) The Project sites are not near any scenic highways. (e) The Project sites are not on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. (f) The Project sites are not a historical resource.
Reasons why project is exempt

Dawnalyn Murakawa-Leopard, EdD
Lead Agency Contact Person

(310) 318-7345
Area Code/Telephone

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

Signature: _____ **Date:** 1/21/2026 **Title:** Deputy Superintendent
☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FINDING THE 2026 DISTRICT-WIDE MODERNIZATION AND UPGRADE PROGRAM EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND APPROVING THE FILING OF A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

RESOLUTION 2026-02

WHEREAS, the Manhattan Beach Unified School District ("District") proposes to undertake repair and modernization activities at multiple school sites (the "Schools") pursuant to its Measure RLS bond measure (collectively, the "Project");

WHEREAS, the Project will involve fencing replacement; installation of and upgrades to HVAC systems; replacement and installation of fire/life safety alarms and equipment; installation of and upgrades to security surveillance, access, and alarm systems; installation of security film on windows; repair and replacement of storefront windows and doors; interior and exterior painting; replacement of interior finishes, including walls, casework, flooring, and ceilings; repair and replacement of modular classroom buildings and restrooms; and upgrades to toilet rooms (including finishes and piping) and pathways to meet accessibility requirements;

WHEREAS, the Project will be constructed entirely on the following existing School campuses;

Mira Costa High School
1401 Artesia Blvd.
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Manhattan Beach Middle School
1501 N. Redondo Ave.
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Grand View Elementary School
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Meadows Elementary School
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Pacific Elementary School
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Pennekamp Elementary School
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WHEREAS, the Project will not increase the student capacity of any of the Schools by more than 25% or ten classrooms, nor the intensity of use of the School sites;

WHEREAS, prior to approving the Project, the District must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA," Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.);

WHEREAS, the State CEQA Guidelines categorically exempt 33 classes of project from CEQA;

WHEREAS, the Class 1 categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines section 15301) applies to the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing structures and facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

WHEREAS, the Class 2 categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines section 15302) applies to replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced;

WHEREAS, the Class 14 categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines section 15314) applies to minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase the original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less;

WHEREAS, the District has analyzed the Project to determine whether the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA;

WHEREAS, the District's analysis concluded that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Class 1, Class 2, and Class 14 categorical exemptions;

WHEREAS, the District's analysis further concluded that the Project is not subject to any of the exceptions to exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Manhattan Beach Unified School District does hereby make the following determinations and findings in connection with the Project:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct.

2. That the Board has analyzed the Project and has determined, based on its own independent judgment, that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15301, 15302, and 15314, and that none of the exceptions to exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to the Project.

3. That the District's superintendent or the superintendent's designee is directed to file a Notice of Exemption from CEQA with the Los Angeles County Clerk-Recorder and the State Clearinghouse.

4. That this Resolution shall be effective as of the date of its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Governing Board of the Manhattan Beach Unified School District on January 21, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

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The President of the Manhattan Beach Unified School District Board of Trustees does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the Resolution passed and adopted by the Board at a regularly scheduled and conducted meeting held on this date, which Resolution shall be kept on file in the office of the Board.

President of the Board of Education
Manhattan Beach Unified School District

The Clerk of the Manhattan Beach Unified School District Board of Trustees does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was introduced and adopted by the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting thereof held on this date, by the forgoing vote.

Clerk of the Board of Education
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State of California—Department of Fish and Wildlife

2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT Number:
19 — 01/22/2026 — 202601221230009

STATE CLEARING HOUSE # *(if applicable)*

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
MANHATTAN BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT		01/22/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
LOS ANGELES	2026016163

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PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL		PHONE NUMBER
DAWNALYN MURAKAWA-LEOPARD			(310)318-7345
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	**CITY**	**STATE**	**ZIP CODE**
325 S. PECK AVE.	MANHATTAN	CA	90266

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box):*

☑ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$4,227.50	$ 0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$3,043.75	$ 0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,437.25	$ 0.00
☑ Exempt from fee		
☑ Notice of Exemption (attach)		
☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)		
☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)		
☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$850.00	$ 0.00
☑ County documentary handling fee		$ 25.00
☐ Other		$ 0.00

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☑ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ 25.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X	BYRON PATTON JR, INTERMEDIATE CLERK

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