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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:
Office of Planning and Research
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From:
Los Angeles Community College District
770 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90017
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10880 Wilshire Blvd. #900
Los Angeles, CA 90024

THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED

ON February 11 2026

UNTIL March 13 2026

REGISTRAR – RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

To:
County Clerk
County of Los Angeles
12400 East Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

Project Title: LAVC Sewer Replacement Project

Project Location: Los Angeles Valley College, 5800 Fulton Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91401

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Los Angeles Valley College is a public community college located adjacent to Grant High School in the neighborhood of Valley Glen, California that was founded in 1949. Surrounded by paved roads, parking lots, and walkways, the land is landscaped with mature trees and garden type plants around and above an aging sewer system. The majority of the College’s vitrified clay pipe (VCP) sewer system is approximately 70 years old. The life expectancy of vitrified clay pipe is 50-70 years, therefore the College’s sewer system is at the end of its life expectancy. There is substantial evidence to support that over half, 4,300 linear feet of over 7,500 linear feet, of sewer pipe is at risk of imminent failure and poses a threat to public health and safety. Pipes are fractured and showing signs of severe deterioration; pipes are compromised by tree root penetration; evidence of sewer breakage will worsen and lead to sink holes; sewage leaks could result in groundwater contamination; a localized failure would result in a large sewage spill and campus shutdown. As such, the Project will seek to replace and repair the deteriorating sewer. (“Project”). The Project will not increase the sewer capacity.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles Community College District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles Community College District and Build LACCD

Exempt Status: Categorically exempt pursuant to 14 CCR § 15301, 14 CCR § 15302, and 14 CCR § 15303

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

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1. 14 CCR 15301 – Existing Facilities

CEQA categorical exemption 1, also known as the "existing facilities" exemption, applies to the operation, maintenance, repair, or minor alteration of existing facilities, structures, mechanical equipment, or topographical features. This exemption applies when there is no or negligible expansion of the existing or former use. The exemption itself provides examples of the types of projects it covers, including, but not limited to (1) "...utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services", (2) "restoration or rehabilitation of...mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety...", and (3) installation...of a steam sterilization unit for the treatment of medical waste...." (14 CCR 15301).

The Project involves the replacement/repair of the existing sewer system without increasing its footprint. As such, it qualifies for the 14 CCR 15301 exemption.

2. 14 CCR 15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures of Facilities

An additional CEQA exemption that applies to the Project is the Class 2 exemption, which consists of the 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. (14 CCR 15302). Replacement structures and facilities do not need to have the exact same footprint as prior structures and facilities; instead, it is sufficient if it is located on the same overall project site. (*Dehne v. County of Santa Cruz* (1981) 115 Cal. App. 3d. 827, 837).

This exemption includes, but is not limited to (1) "replacement or reconstruction of existing schools...to provide earthquake resistant structures which do not increase capacity more than 50 percent", (2) "replacement of a commercial structure with a new structure of substantially the same size, purpose, and capacity", (3) "replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity", and (4) conversion of overhead electric utility distribution system facilities to underground including connection to existing overhead electric utility distribution lines..." (14 CCR 15302).

As this Project involves the replacement/repair of the existing sewer system without increasing its footprint, the exemption found at 14 CCR 15302 also applies to the Project.

3. 14 CCR 15303 – Construction, Installation or Conversion of Small Structures, Facilities, or Equipment

The Class 3 exemption consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. Examples of this exemption include but are not limited to, (1) "water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements...", (2) "accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences", and (3) "an accessory steam sterilization unit for the treatment of medical waste...". (14 CCR 15303)

The Project involves replacing the deteriorating sewer system, which is also covered by this exemption.

Contact Person: Dr. Leigh T. Sata, Vice Chancellor & Chief Facilities Executive, Telephone: () _____.


Date: 2/5/26 _____

Leigh T. Sata

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER

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Dean C. Lynn REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA





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 — 02/11/2026 — 202602111250009
STATE CLEARING HOUSE # (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 02/11/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING LOS ANGELES/CA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2026032571	
PROJECT TITLE LAVC SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT		
PROJECT APPLICANT NAME LEIGH T. SATA	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 770 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD	CITY LOS ANGELES	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 90017
PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Public Agency <input type="checkbox"/> School District <input type="checkbox"/> Other Special District <input type="checkbox"/> State Agency <input type="checkbox"/> 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 X <i>K m</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE KASSANDRA MEDRANO,
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