

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: City of Encinitas
505 South Vulcan Avenue
Encinitas, CA 92024

County Clerk
County of: San Diego

Project Title: MULTI-008207-2025, CDP-008209-2025, SUBC-008208-2025 – Orpheus Park Improvements

Project Locations – Specific: 482 Orpheus Avenue

Project Location – City: Encinitas Project Location – County: San Diego

Description of Project: The proposed project consists of a request for approval of a Coastal Development Permit and a Substantial Conformance determination with the previously approved major use permit for a park project (Case No. 90-134 MUP/EIA) to allow for improvements at Orpheus Park, including the removal and replacement of a picnic shade structure, removal and replacement of existing playground equipment, removal of existing rubber surfacing, the installation of a new fitness structure, installation of playground safety surfacing, hardscaping, seating and associated site and drainage improvements at Orpheus Park

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Encinitas Planning Dept.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: Carlos Baldenegro – City of Encinitas
505 S. Vulcan Avenue
Encinitas, CA 92024
Contact: Carlos Baldenegro– (760)633-2763

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: Section 15301 – Existing Facilities & Section 15302 - Replacement or Reconstruction
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed project is exempt under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 – Existing Facilities, which is a Class 1 exemption. Class 1 exemptions, “consists of 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”. Additionally, the proposed project is exempt under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 - Replacement or Reconstruction, which is a Class 2 exemption. Class 2 exemptions, “consists of 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”. The proposed scope of work includes the removal and replacement of existing playground equipment, safety surfacing and drainage improvements for the existing community park.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Raffi Mangassarian Telephone Number: (760) 633-2703

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: 3/26/26 Title: Senior Planner

- Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: _____
- Signed by Applicant