

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Recorder/County Clerk
Attn: CEQA Notices
1600 Pacific Highway, M.S. A33
San Diego, CA 92101

From: City of Encinitas
c/o Denise Russell
Development Services
505 South Vulcan Avenue
Encinitas, CA 92024

Subject: **FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152**

Project Name: La Costa Avenue Pedestrian Path

Project Location: South side of La Costa Avenue from N. Vulcan Ave to I-5 Freeway, City of Encinitas, California

Project Applicant: City of Encinitas Engineering Department
Telephone Number: 760-633-2245
Address: 505 S. Vulcan Ave., Encinitas CA, 92024

County: San Diego

Project Description: Construction of a decomposed granite (DG) pedestrian walkway along the existing south parkway of La Costa Ave, and restripe the existing AC road to accommodate buffered bike lanes from N Vulcan Ave to the I-5 freeway. The construction of new ADA compliant curb ramps, removal of existing private improvements encroaching into the public right-of-way, driveway apron replacements, utilities adjustments, and construction of retaining walls as necessary will take place.

Agency Approving Project: City of Encinitas

City Contact Person: Denise Russell
Telephone Number: (760) 633-2716
Address: 505 S. Vulcan Ave., Encinitas CA, 92024

Date Form Completed: April 29, 2026

This is to advise that the City of Encinitas has found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

1. Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)
 - Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]
 - Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]
 - Statutory Exemption. C Section: 65583.2(h)
 - Categorical Exemption. Section 15301(c)
 - G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.
 - G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan
 - G 15183 – Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning
 - Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.

- 2. Mitigation measures were were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
- 3. A Mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was was not adopted for this project.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines. This exempts alterations to existing streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities, and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, improvements such as, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes. The project is consistent with this exemption. Exceptions prescribed under Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines do not apply and no historic resources are affected by the proposed project.

Signature:  Telephone: (760) 633-2716

Name (Print): Denise Russell Title: Principal Planner

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the City of Encinitas.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.