

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

From: Jurupa Unified School District
4850 Pedley Road,
Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

☒ County Clerk
County of Riverside
2724 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507

Rustic Lane Elementary School Modernization Project
Project Title

6420 Rustic Lane (Rustic Lane Elementary School) and 6110 45th Street (Pacific Avenue Academy of Music)
Project Location - Specific

Jurupa Valley
Project Location - City

Riverside
Project Location - County

The Jurupa Unified School District proposes to modernize Rustic Lane Elementary School by modernizing the existing buildings and constructing new buildings, play areas, and a parking lot. Portable buildings would be installed at Pacific Avenue Academy of Music (PAAM) to accommodate Rustic Lane Elementary School students during construction. The proposed project would modernize Buildings B through H; convert the existing portable library/innovation center to classrooms; and construct a new classroom building, administration and library/innovation building, and Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten building. Site improvements would include a parking lot expansion, a new solar canopy, new play areas and a 29,000-square-foot playfield, fencing, landscaping, and upgraded circulation. The number of classrooms would increase by 4. At PAAM, 20 portable classrooms would be installed during construction, with 18 removed upon completion. Additional PAAM improvements would include the expansion of the dismissal area, replacement of the PA system, resealing and restriping of the playground, and paving the southern parking lot. The District has an agreement with the Free Church of Tonga, north of PAAM, for overflow parking and would provide busing for Rustic Lane Elementary School students living more than 2 miles from PAAM. Construction would start in Summer 2026 and end in July 2028. Beneficiaries include students, staff, and the surrounding community.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Jurupa Unified School District
Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Jurupa Unified School District
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

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☐ 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: Sections 15301, 15302, 15304, 15311, and 15314☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

The proposed project qualifies for a categorical exemption under CEQA: Section 15301, Existing Facilities, because the modernization of existing permanent Buildings B through H, conversion of the existing portable library/innovation center to classrooms, and site upgrades involve repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing facilities with negligible expansion of use; Section 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction, because the proposed project consists of replacing the PA/speaker system throughout PAAM which constitutes replacement of existing equipment serving the same function and purpose; Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land, because the new play areas, play apparatus, 29,000-square-foot playfield, fencing, landscaping, utility upgrades, circulation improvements, and playground resealing/restriping are minor alterations to existing campus grounds that do not require the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; Section 15311, Accessory Structures, because the fencing, solar canopy, and portable classrooms are minor accessory structures supporting the primary use of the school campuses; and Section 15314, Minor Additions to Schools, because the project results in an increase of only 4 classrooms at Rustic Lane Elementary School and 2 classrooms at PAAM, which is less than the 10-classroom threshold. Additionally, none of the exceptions from CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 apply to the proposed project.

See Attachment to Notice of Exemption for further explanation on the evaluation of the proposed project, which is available for review at the Jurupa Unified School District, 4850 Pedley Road, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509.

Reasons why project is exempt

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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

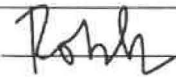
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