



POMONA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Capital Facilities

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CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

From (Lead
Agency):

Pomona Unified School District

800 South Garey Avenue

Pomona, CA 91766

☒ County Clerk
County of Los Angeles

12400 Imperial Highway

Norwalk, CA 90650

Applicant:

Pomona Unified School District

800 South Garey Avenue

Pomona, CA 91766

Heating, Ventilation, and Air Condition (HVAC) System Upgrade at Diamond Ranch High School Gym
Project Title

Diamond Ranch High School: 100 Diamond Ranch Road, Pomona, California 91766
Project Location - Specific

Pomona
Project Location - City

Los Angeles
Project Location - County

The Pomona Unified School District ("District") proposes to remove the existing non-operational heating system and install a new, energy-efficient Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system at the Diamond Ranch High School gymnasium located at 100 Diamond Ranch Road, Pomona, California 91766. The gymnasium previously had a heating-only system; the proposed project will replace that system with a new full HVAC system, including energy-efficient heating and cooling units, associated ductwork, controls, and ancillary mechanical components within and adjacent to the existing gymnasium building. No new building footprint, change of use, or expansion of use is proposed. The purpose of the project is to provide a safe, comfortable, and code-compliant interior environment that supports the health, well-being, and academic performance of students and staff. All work will be conducted within or upon the existing developed school site. Beneficiaries of the project include District students, faculty, staff, and community members who utilize the gymnasium for physical education, athletics, and school events.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Pomona Unified School District
Name of Public Agency Approving Project

THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED

ON June 29 2026

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

UNTIL July 29 2026

Pomona Unified School District - Capital Facilities Department

REGISTRAR - RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

Exempt Status: (check one below)

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- ☐ Ministerial
- ☐ Declared Emergency
- ☐ Emergency Project
- ☒ Categorical Exemption: Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities; Class 2 Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

The proposed project qualifies for Categorical Exemptions under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities) and 15302 (Class 2 – Replacement or Reconstruction), as set forth below.

Class 1 – Existing Facilities (CEQA Guidelines §15301). Section 15301 exempts 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. The project involves the removal of the remaining components of the existing non-operational heating system and installation of a new, energy-efficient HVAC system including heating and cooling units, associated ductwork, controls, and ancillary mechanical components within and adjacent to the existing Diamond Ranch High School gymnasium. The gymnasium is a fully operational public educational facility in active use for physical education, athletics, and school events. The project replaces and upgrades an existing mechanical system serving the same facility; it does not alter the type, intensity, or scope of use of the gymnasium. No expansion of building footprint, floor area, occupant capacity, or use is proposed. All work will occur within or upon the existing developed school site. The replacement and upgrade of existing mechanical equipment in an existing facility with no change in use constitutes a minor alteration under Section 15301 and falls within the Class 1 exemption.

Class 2 – Replacement or Reconstruction (CEQA Guidelines §15302). Section 15302 exempts 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. The project involves the removal of the remaining existing non-operational components of the heating system and its replacement with a new, code-compliant HVAC system located within the same facility. Both the existing and proposed systems serve the climate control function of the gymnasium; the proposed system expands that function to include cooling and ventilation in addition to heating. No change in the type, intensity, or scope of use of the gymnasium is proposed, and all work will occur entirely within the boundaries of the existing campus. The replacement of an existing mechanical system with a new system of substantially the same purpose at the same location qualifies under the Class 2 exemption.

Exceptions to Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines §15300.2). None of the exceptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project. The project site is an existing developed school campus and is not located in or near a sensitive environment, scenic highway corridor, or hazardous waste site. The project does not involve the removal of a Landmark, and will not result in cumulative impacts when considered in connection with other projects. No unusual circumstances exist that would give rise to a reasonable possibility of a significant environmental effect. Accordingly, the project is properly exempt from CEQA review.

Reasons why project is exempt _____

Isela Vazquez, Chief Facilities Officer
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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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ATTACHMENT A TO NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC) SYSTEM – NEW INSTALLATION AT DIAMOND RANCH HIGH SCHOOL GYM NOTICE OF EXEMPTION - SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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

From: Pomona Unified School District
800 South Garey Avenue
Pomona, CA 91766

Project Location:

100 Diamond Ranch Road, Pomona, California 91766
Cross-Streets:
Diamond Ranch Road and Chino Hills Parkway



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Categorical Exemption. State type and Class number (detail):

Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities; Class 2 Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction

Class 1 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

The Proposed Project involves the removal of the existing non-operational heating system and installation of a new, energy-efficient Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system including heating and cooling units, associated ductwork, controls, and ancillary mechanical components, within and adjacent to the existing Diamond Ranch High School gymnasium. The gymnasium previously had a heating-only system; the proposed project replaces that system with a new full HVAC system providing heating, cooling, and ventilation. The gymnasium building is an existing, fully operational public educational facility in active use for physical education, athletics, and school events. All proposed activities will occur within the existing campus. The project replaces and upgrades an existing mechanical system with no change in the type, intensity, or scope of use of the gymnasium. No expansion of building footprint, floor area, occupant capacity, or use is proposed. The Project meets the requirements of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.

Class 2 Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction:

Class 2 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, including but not limited to: (c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

The Proposed Project involves the removal of the existing non-operational heating system and its replacement with a new, code-compliant HVAC system of substantially the same purpose, located within the same facility. The gymnasium previously had a heating-only system; both the prior and proposed systems serve the climate control function of the facility, consistent with Section 15302(c) (replacement of existing utility systems involving negligible or no expansion of capacity). No change in the type, intensity, or scope of use of the gymnasium is proposed, and all work will occur entirely within the boundaries of the existing campus. The Project meets the requirements of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15302.

Reasons why the project is exempt:

The Proposed Project qualifies for Categorical Exemptions under CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities) and 15302 (Class 2 – Replacement or Reconstruction) as described above. The Project involves the removal of the remaining components of the existing non-operational heating system and its replacement with

a new, energy-efficient full HVAC system within and adjacent to the existing Diamond Ranch High School gymnasium, with no expansion of building footprint, no change of use, and no increase in student enrollment or capacity.

None of the exceptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this Project. The project site is an existing developed school campus and is not located in or near a sensitive environment, scenic highway corridor, or hazardous waste site. The Project does not involve the removal of a Landmark, and will not result in cumulative impacts when considered in connection with other projects. No unusual circumstances exist that would give rise to a reasonable possibility of a significant environmental effect. Accordingly, the Project is properly exempt from CEQA review.

Conclusion:

Based on the foregoing, the Pomona Unified School District, as Lead Agency, has determined that the Proposed Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities) and 15302 (Class 2 – Replacement or Reconstruction), and that none of the exceptions set forth in Section 15300.2 apply. This Notice of Exemption and Attachment A are hereby filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk and the California Office of Planning and Research in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21152 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15075.

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CASH RECEIPT**

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100 DIAMOND RANCH ROAD

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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

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