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Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Whittier Union High School District
9401 South Painter Avenue
Whittier, CA 90605

County Clerk, Los Angeles
PO Box 1208
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Whittier High School Athletic Fields Improvement Project

Project Title

12417 Philadelphia Street; northwest portion of Assessor's Parcel Number 8140024901

Project Location – Specific

Whittier

Los Angeles

Project Location – City

Project Location – County

The District proposes improvements to the Whittier High School athletic field areas. Improvements would include the replacement of existing natural turf fields with synthetic turf fields for the football, baseball and softball fields, and multi-purpose outfields (soccer); track re-surfacing; ancillary field improvements; installation of supporting equipment (e.g., scoreboards); new concrete paving and fencing at entry areas; and underground storm drain improvements. Twelve light poles would be installed to light the fields.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Whittier Union High School District

Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Whittier Union High School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

Exempt Status:

- ☒ Categorical Exemption: Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities), Section 15304 (Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land), and Section 15314 (Class 14, Minor Additions to Schools)

The Class 1 exemption applies as the proposed improvement would repair, replace, and maintain existing facilities at the campus and would have the same capacity as the existing use. The Class 4 exemption applies as the Project would occur on an entirely developed area of graded land with a slope of less than 10 percent that is not within a waterway, wetlands, and/or areas of severe geologic hazards. Project construction would require minor alterations to the Project site, involving minor excavation, grading, and trenching to install the proposed improvements. All disturbed surfaces would be backfilled and restored for continued use of the existing school facilities and to limit potential stormwater runoff. The Project would require the removal of low shrubs, ivy, and grass. No mature trees would be removed for Project implementation. The Class 14 exemption applies as the proposed improvements would not add new classrooms, change the number of classrooms, introduce any new athletic programs or sports at the school, or increase the original student capacity by more than 25 percent or classroom count by 10. Therefore, the school enrollment capacity would remain the same as under existing conditions. Additionally, none of the exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to the Project.

Reasons why project is exempt

Kevin Jamero, Deputy Superintendent

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Lead Agency Contact Person

Area Code/Telephone

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

Signature:

Date: 7-15-26 Title: Deputy Superintendent

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant