

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
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From: Brea Olinda Unified School District

1 Civic Center Circle

Brea, CA 92821

☒ County Clerk
County of Orange County

601 N Ross St,

Santa Ana, CA 92701

Brea Olinda High School Facilities Replacement Project

Project Title

789 Wildcat Way, Brea, CA 92821

Project Location - Specific

Brea

Project Location - City

Orange

Project Location - County

The Brea Olinda Unified School District proposes to replace and upgrade existing school and athletic facilities to enhance accessibility, safety, and overall functionality at the Brea Olinda High School campus. The proposed project would not increase student capacity or affect other existing facilities onsite. Improvements include replacing the football stadium's natural grass field with artificial turf, replacing the existing gymnasium flooring, resurfacing the track, upgrading lighting, relocating and replacing the stadium scoreboard, and installing new restroom and team facilities. The proposed project would also reconstruct the pool and provide associated support buildings, relocate and improve pool bleachers, repair baseball and softball dugout roofs, and relocate one tennis court adjacent to the existing tennis courts. Campus-wide improvements include new signage, trash enclosures, lighting, Wi-Fi and audio-visual upgrades, hillside stabilization landscaping, and accessibility improvements (e.g., new pathways, ramps, fencing, gate access points, and parking lot upgrades). Some ornamental trees would be removed, but the overall campus circulation network would remain unchanged. The beneficiaries of the proposed project would be the students and staff at the Brea Olinda High School.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Brea Olinda Unified School District

Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Brea Olinda Unified School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

Exempt Status: (check one below)

- ☐ 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: Sections 15302 and 15303
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

The proposed project would replace and upgrade existing athletic facilities to enhance accessibility, safety, and the overall functionality and condition of the athletic facilities. The proposed project would not increase student enrollment, athletic facility capacity, or substantially alter existing campus operations.

The proposed project qualifies for a categorical exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) because the improvements consist primarily of the replacement, reconstruction, and modernization of existing athletic facilities on the same site and for substantially the same purpose and capacity as the facilities being replaced, including the replacement and relocation of the scoreboard, replacement of the existing gymnasium flooring, relocation of one tennis court, reconstruction of the swimming pool, replacement of stadium lighting, and replacement of bleachers. The proposed project qualifies for a categorical exemption under CEQA Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) because it includes the installation of small accessory structures and equipment, including portable restroom buildings, a modular building containing team rooms, a referee/coach room, and storage space, as well as pool equipment, storage, locker, and office buildings. These structures are limited in size and scope and are accessory to the existing athletic facilities. Additionally, the proposed project has been reviewed under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, and does not trigger any exceptions to categorical exemptions, including no impacts to sensitive environments, scenic highways, historical resources, or hazardous waste sites, and no cumulative or significant impacts due to unusual circumstances.

See Attachment to Notice of Exemption for further explanation on the evaluation of the proposed project, as it relates to Sections 15302 and 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines, which is available for review at the Brea Olinda Unified School District, 1 Civic Center Circle, Brea, CA 92821.

Reasons why project is exempt

Richard Champion, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services (714) 990-7800

Contact Person:

Area Code/Telephone/Extension:

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

Date
Received for
Filing:

Signature:



Title: Assistant Superintendent, Business Services