

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles

12400 Imperial Highway

Norwalk, CA 90650

From: (Public Agency): _____

Hermosa Beach City School District

1645 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

(Address)

Project Title: Hermosa Valley Modernization Project

Project Applicant: Hermosa Beach City School District

Project Location - Specific:

1645 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

Project Location - City: Hermosa Beach

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project consists of modernization improvements within the existing Hermosa Valley School campus. The scope of work is focused on existing Buildings A and C and related site improvements within previously developed school grounds. Project activities include modernization and reconfiguration of existing classroom and instructional spaces; improvements to existing science lab/classroom areas; modernization of student support, administrative, and related school spaces; restroom improvements and accessibility upgrades; path-of-travel and ADA accessibility improvements as required by code; fire/life safety, utility, and building systems improvements associated with the modernization work; minor exterior improvements, including canopy/trellis and related site improvements within the existing campus; and minor demolition, construction, and finish improvements necessary to complete the modernization scope. The project will improve existing school facilities and support the District's ongoing educational program. The work will occur within the existing developed campus and will not expand the school site boundaries or change the existing school land use.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Hermosa Beach City School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Hermosa Beach City School District

Exempt Status: (check one):

☐ 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: \$15301 \$15311

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of modernization, repair, reconfiguration, accessibility, utility, fire/life safety, and related improvements to existing school facilities within the existing Hermosa Valley School campus. The project will occur within previously developed school grounds, will not expand the school site boundaries, will not change the existing educational land use, and will not result in a substantial increase in student enrollment capacity. None of the exceptions specified in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply. See Attachment A.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Paula Montalbo

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 424-333-9975x1234

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Paula Montalbo Date: 7/9/2026 Title: Chief Business Officer

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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Hermosa View School Modernization Project

Notice of Exemption (NOE) – Attachment A

Hermosa Beach City School District

Lead Agency

The Hermosa Beach City School District (District), as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), proposes to modernize portions of the existing Hermosa Valley School campus in order to support ongoing educational programs, improve existing facilities, and maintain safe, functional, and accessible learning environments.

Project Location

Hermosa Valley School
1645 Valley Drive
Hermosa Beach, California 90254

The project will occur entirely within the boundaries of the existing Hermosa Valley School campus, which is located in a fully developed urban area.

Description of Project

The proposed project consists of modernization improvements within the existing Hermosa Valley School campus. The scope of work is focused on existing Buildings A and C and related site improvements within previously developed school grounds.

Project activities include, but are not limited to:

- Modernization and reconfiguration of existing classroom and instructional spaces.
- Improvements to existing science lab/classroom areas
- Modernization of student support, administrative, and related school spaces
- Restroom improvements and accessibility upgrades
- Path-of-travel and ADA accessibility improvements as required by code
- Fire/life safety, utility, and building systems improvements associated with the modernization work
- Minor exterior improvements, including canopy/trellis and related site improvements within the existing campus
- Minor demolition, construction, and finish improvements necessary to complete the modernization work.

The project will improve existing school facilities and support the District's ongoing educational program. The work will occur within the existing developed campus and will not expand the school site boundaries or change the existing school land use.

Reasons Why the Project Is Exempt

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The proposed activity constitutes a project under CEQA but is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to the following categorical exemptions of the CEQA Guidelines:

Class 1 – Existing Facilities (CEQA Guidelines §15301)

This exemption applies to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

The project consists of modernization, repair, reconfiguration, accessibility, utility, and related improvements to existing school facilities within the existing Hermosa Valley School campus. The project will not expand the existing school use and will not result in a substantial increase in student enrollment capacity.

Class 11 – Accessory Structures (CEQA Guidelines §15311)

This exemption applies to the construction or placement of minor structures accessory to existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities.

To the extent the project includes minor exterior improvements such as canopies, trellis elements, ramps, walkways, or similar accessory features, these improvements are accessory to the existing school facility and are located within the existing developed campus.

Exceptions to the Use of Categorical Exemptions (CEQA Guidelines §15300.2)

The District has evaluated the project and determined that none of the exceptions to categorical exemptions apply.

(a) Location

All work will occur within the existing developed Hermosa Valley School campus on previously disturbed and improved school property located in an urbanized area. The project will not affect environmentally sensitive habitat or resources.

(b) Cumulative Impact

The project consists of modernization and related improvements within an existing school site. Construction activities will be temporary and limited to the project site. The project will not result in cumulatively considerable environmental impacts when considered with other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable projects.

(c) Significant Effect Due to Unusual Circumstances

Modernization of existing school facilities is a common activity for school districts. The project does not involve unusual circumstances that would create a reasonable possibility of a significant environmental effect. The project will maintain the existing school use and will not introduce a new or substantially more intensive use of the site.



(d) Scenic Highways

The project site is not located along a state-designated scenic highway. The modernization improvements will occur within the existing developed school campus and will not damage scenic resources within a state scenic highway corridor.

(e) Hazardous Waste Sites

The project site is not known to be included on any list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. Any construction or modernization work will comply with applicable federal, state, and local regulations regarding hazardous materials, including proper handling and disposal requirements if hazardous materials are encountered during construction.

(f) Historical Resources

The project consists of modernization and related improvements within an existing developed school campus. The project is not anticipated to cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. To the extent any historically sensitive materials or conditions are identified during project review or construction, the District will comply with applicable regulatory requirements.

Conclusion

The proposed Hermosa Valley School Modernization Project consists of modernization, accessibility, utility, fire/life safety, and related improvements within an existing developed school campus. The project will not expand the school site boundaries, change the existing educational use, or result in significant environmental impacts.

Accordingly, the project qualifies for the application of CEQA Guidelines §§15301 and 15311 categorical exemptions, and no further environmental review is required.



Dean C. Logan, Registrar – Recorder/County Clerk
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2026164293	

PROJECT TITLE

HERMOSA VALLEY MODERNIZATION PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME PAULA MONTALBO	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (424)333-9975
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1645 VALLEY DRIVE	CITY HERMOSA BEACH	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 90254

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

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