

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Sacramento
600 8th St, Sacramento, CA 95814

From: (Public Agency): Southgate Recreation and Park District
6000 Orange Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95823
(Address)

Project Title: Fruitridge Community Center & Park Restoration Project

Project Applicant: Southgate Recreation and Park District

Project Location - Specific:
4000 Fruitridge Road Sacramento, CA 95820

Project Location - City: Sacramento Project Location - County: Sacramento

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Fruitridge Community Center & Park Restoration Project consists of various improvements to the park including parking lot expansion and entryway improvements, reconstruction of the gazebo, construction of a pump house/storage building, installation of a solar shade structure, creation of new soccer fields including an all-season (artificial turf) field, creation of a community garden, resurfacing of the basketball and tennis courts, new pathways and lighting throughout the site, and improvements to the parks landscaping, irrigation systems, and drainage.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Southgate Recreation and Park District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Southgate Recreation and Park 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: Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 11 Sections 15301-04 and 15311
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

See attached

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Vincent King Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 428-1171

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: Date: 1/22/2020 Title: Planner II

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

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**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The project involves numerous minor onsite improvements each of which meet the definition of a categorical exemption under Article 19 of the California Code of Regulations and would not have a significant effect on the environment. Furthermore, none of the exceptions listed under Section 15300.2 apply to the project. Therefore, the proposed Fruitridge Community Center and Park Restoration Project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

Class 1, Section 15301, Existing Facilities

The Class 1 exemption applies to the repair and minor alteration of existing public structures and facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of use. The proposed entryway improvements and resurfacing of the tennis court and basketball court would be exempt under this class as the improvements would occur at existing facilities and would not result in an expansion of their use.

Subsection (f) of Section 15301, specifically applies to the installation of safety devices in conjunction with existing structures. The proposed addition of lighting throughout the site would be exempt under this class as the proposed lighting is intended to increase the safety of the public using the existing facilities.

Class 2, Section 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction

The Class 2 exemption applies to replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site and at the same size and capacity as the structure replaced. The proposed gazebo reconstruction would be exempt under this class as the gazebo would be reconstructed at the same size and in a similar location within the same project site.

Class 3, Section 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

The Class 3 exemption applies to the construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities, structures and equipment not exceeding specific floor area sizes by type of use. Construction of the proposed pump house/storage building, installation of the proposed solar shade structure, construction of new concrete pathways throughout the site, and creation of the proposed all-season (artificial turf) soccer field would be exempt under this class. The proposed pump house/storage building would be approximately 1,500 square feet, well below the maximum 10,000 square feet for commercial buildings as provided in subsection (c). The proposed shade structure and new concrete pathways would be considered accessory structures to the adjacent swimming pool and other facilities and would be consistent with subsection (e). The expansion of electrical conduit to power the proposed lighting fixtures and extension of irrigation systems to new turf areas would be consistent with subsection (d).

Class 4, Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land

The Class 4 exemption applies to minor alterations to the condition of land and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. The proposed natural turf soccer fields, community garden, pollinator garden, turf area expansion, landscaping improvements, and drainage swales would be exempt under this class. Each of these improvements involve minor alterations to land and vegetation such as grading on relatively flat land (<10% slope), tilling, and planting of turf and vegetation.

The overall project would require the removal of approximately ten trees from the site. While each of these trees is mature and in healthy condition, none of the trees are considered to be scenic. The subject trees were planted as landscaping to provide screening and shade in the park. The trees are not prominent or distinctive and do not meet the County's definition of "landmark" trees. Similarly, the trees are not native oaks or located on County land and would not, therefore, require a County Tree Permit for their removal. The trees represent a small portion of the overall tree coverage within the park, which is in an urban setting offering no scenic views. For these reasons, the trees proposed for removal do not meet the criteria of mature, healthy, and scenic as required by the Class 4 exemption.

Class 11, Section 15311, Accessory Structures

The Class 11 exemption applies to construction of minor structures accessory to existing facilities including small parking lots [subsection (b)]. The proposed parking lot expansion would be exempt under this class as it would be a relatively small expansion in parking and would continue to serve the existing facilities onsite.

RESOLUTION 19-38

**APPROVING THE FILING OF A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR THE FRUITRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER AND PARK RESTROATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Southgate Recreation & Park District proposes the expansion of and restoration of existing facilities and furnishings and related improvements at the Fruitridge Community Center and Park; and

WHEREAS, the project consists of the incorporation of a vacant parcel into the park, access point improvements, parking and lighting improvements, creation of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) pathways, planting trees, creating bioswales, constructing soccer fields, constructing a shaded picnic and barbeque area, and installing a community garden, and related improvements and site work; and

WHEREAS, the project has been reviewed by the District's environmental coordinator and has been found to have no potential to cause a significant effect on the environment, and therefore is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines as described in Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), and 15311 (Accessory Structures); and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Exemption for this project has been prepared pursuant to CEQA Section 15062, to be filed with the appropriate State and County agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Southgate Recreation & Park District does hereby approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption for the Fruitridge Community Center and Park Restoration Project.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Southgate Recreation & Park District this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2020 by the following vote to wit:

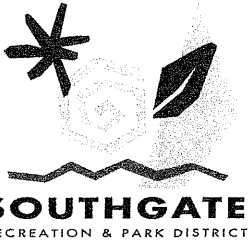
AYES: Dills, Hall, Mejia  
Thompson

NOES: None

Absent: Jackson

  
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