CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121 Sacramento, CA 95814 From: Capistrano Unified School District

33122 Valle Road

San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

County Clerk County of Orange

601 N. Ross Street

Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dana Hills High School Two-Story Classroom Building Project Title

33333 Golden Lantern, Dana Point, CA Project Location - Specific

Dana Point Project Location - City Orange Project Location – County

The project will replace 17 existing portable buildings and replace them with a new permanent, two-story building with 14 classrooms. The approximate 27,000 sq. ft., 37-foot-tall building will provide students with a modern educational environment. Fire lanes providing emergency vehicle access to the site will be developed from both Stonehill Drive and Golden Lantern. The project will not increase student capacity. The existing discus field where the classroom building will be constructed, will be relocated elsewhere on campus. The area where the portable buildings are removed will be replaced with landscape and hardscape.

Capistrano Unified School District Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Capistrano 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: 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction

Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

CEQA Guidelines Section 15302, 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..."

The project qualifies for an exemption under this category as it will replace 17 existing portable classrooms with a permanent 2-story building on the same campus and generally at the same location. The area where the portable buildings are removed will be restored with landscape and hardscape.

The proposed project was also reviewed for possible exceptions under Section 15300.2 and found that the exceptions do not apply. See Attachment to Notice of Exemption for further explanation of the evaluation, which is available at the Capistrano Unified School District, Facilities Department, 33333 Golden Lantern, Dana Point, CA.

Reasons why project is exempt		
John Forney, Chief Facilities Officer	(949) 289-3902	
Contact Person:	Area Code/Telephone/Extension:	

If filed by applicant:

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- 1. Attach certified document of exemption findings
- 2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving Yes No the project

Date Received for Filing:		
Signature:	For John Forney, Chief Facilities officer	