

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: County of Los Angeles
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Project Title: Belvedere Park Synthetic Fields and General Improvements

Project Location - Specific: Belvedere Community Regional Park
4914 E. Cesar Chavez Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90022

Project Location - City: Los Angeles

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project will include replacement of the existing multipurpose grass field area with a synthetic turf soccer field, a practice field and two new futsal courts. Additionally, the project will include field related improvements such as field drainage, new field fencing, perimeter walkways, and adjustments to the existing field lighting and irrigation system.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles County

Name of Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County

Exempt Status (check one):

Article 19. Categorical Exemptions

- Categorical Section 15301
Class 1 (d)
- Categorical Section 15303
Class 3 (d)(e)
- Categorical Section 15304
Class 4 (a)(b)

- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 1 (c)
- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 3 (a)(b)
- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 4 (a)(c)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is consistent with State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. The replacement of the existing multipurpose grass field area with a synthetic turf soccer field, a practice field and two new futsal courts and field related improvements, are consistent with Section 15301 Class 1, which provides for repair,

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maintenance or minor alteration of existing public facilities. This includes but is not limited to Class 1 (d) for restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety.

The replacement of the existing multipurpose grass field area with a synthetic turf soccer field, a practice field and two new futsal courts and field related improvements, are also consistent with Section 15303 Class 3 which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. This includes but is not limited to Class 3 (d) for utility extensions and (e) for small new structures.

The replacement of the existing multipurpose grass field area with a synthetic turf soccer field, a practice field and two new futsal courts and field related improvements are consistent with Section 15304 Class 4 which provides for minor alteration to land. This includes but is not limited to Class 4 (a) for grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent and (b) for new gardening or landscaping.

The project is also consistent with the County CEQA Guidelines. The replacement of the existing multipurpose grass field area with a synthetic turf soccer field, a practice field and two new futsal courts and field related improvements, are consistent with Class 1 which provides for repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public facilities. This includes but is not limited to Class 1 (c) for restoration and repair of buildings, structures, equipment and appurtenances.

The replacement of the existing multipurpose grass field area with a synthetic turf soccer field, a practice field and two new futsal courts and field related improvements are consistent with Class 3 which provides for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures. This includes but is not limited to Class 3 (a) for utility extensions and (b) for accessory structures.

The replacement of the existing multipurpose grass field area with a synthetic turf soccer field, a practice field and two new futsal courts and field related improvements are consistent with Class 4 which provides for minor alterations to land. This includes but is not limited to Class 4 (a) for grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent, and (c) for new gardening or landscaping.

The proposed use of Classes 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions does not include activities that are excepted from the exemptions as defined in Section 15300.2 (a) of the CEQA Guidelines. Specifically, the specified activities do not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern designated, precisely mapped, or officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

The County has considered the cumulative impact of the proposed activities and determined that the cumulative impact of the specified activities will not result in significant impacts on the environment that would constitute an exception to Classes 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (b) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The County has considered the potential for significant impacts on the environment resulting from the specified activities and determined that there are no unusual circumstances that would result in significant effects on the environment constituting an exception to Classes 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The specified activities will not result in damage to scenic resources, such as trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings or similar resources or involve work within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway that would constitute an exception to Classes 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (d) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (c) of the CEQA Statutes.

The specified activities do not involve work on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code relating to solid and hazardous wastes and do not constitute an exception

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to Classes 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in the Section 15300.2 (e) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (d) of the CEQA statutes.

The specified activities would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as specified in section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes and do not constitute an exception to Classes 3 & 4 Categorical Exemptions as described in Section 15300.2 (f) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes.

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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

<u>Chien, Jui Ing</u> Signature, Jui Ing Chien	<u>6/9/2021</u> Date	<u>Park Planner</u> Title
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