

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County of Los Angeles
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Environmental Filings
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From: County of Los Angeles
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Project Title: Bethune Park Improvements Project

Project Location - Specific: Mary M. Bethune Park
1244 E. 61st St.
Los Angeles, CA 90001

Project Location - City: The unincorporated community of Florence-Firestone

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed improvements to Mary M. Bethune Park include the following:

- Conversion of the 12,050-square foot existing asphalt parking lot into permeable asphalt, to allow water to drain through the soil to the aquifer and to prevent parking lot stormwater from leaving the site.
- The planting of approximately 26 trees to increase shade cover around the ballfield and the children's play areas.
- Removal of approximately 19,110-square foot turf and irrigation around the back of the ballfield . The area will be replaced with mulch.
- The addition of seven (7) security lights around the back of the ballfield in order to provide security lighting for the new walking loop.
- Addition of 350 linear feet of 8 feet wide stabilized decomposed granite walking path to complete a walking loop around the ballfield.
- Addition of a 3,950-square foot demonstration garden with stabilized decomposed granite walking paths, benches and interpretive signage.
- Replacement of the existing controllers with a smart irrigation controller to help to conserve water.
- Removal of approximately 13,230-square foot turf to be replaced with drought tolerant plant materials.

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 15302
Class 2 (c)
- Categorical Section 15303
Class 3 (e)
- Categorical Section 15304

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Class 4 (a)(b)

- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 2 (e)
- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 3 (b)
- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 4 (a)(c)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project is consistent with State Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. The project is consistent with Section 15302 Class 2 which provides for 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. This includes but is not limited to Class 2 (c) for replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

The project is 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 (e) for small new structures.

The project is 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 4 (b) for new gardening or landscaping.

The project is also consistent with the County CEQA Guidelines. The project is consistent with Class 2 which provides for 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. This includes but is not limited to Class 2 (e) for replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

The project is 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 (b) for small new structures.

The project is also consistent with 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 4 (c) for new gardening or landscaping.

The proposed use of Classes 2, 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 2, 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

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effects on the environment constituting an exception to Classes 2, 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 2, 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 to Classes 2, 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 2, 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

Chien, Jui Ing
Signature, Jui Ing Chien

10/14/2021
Date

Park Planner
Title