

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** (Public Agency):

Los Angeles County Public Works  
Project Management Division II  
Attention: Courtney Tossounian  
900 South Fremont Avenue, 5th Floor  
Alhambra, CA 91803-1331

Project Title: Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Splash Pad Project

Project Applicant: County of Los Angeles Public Works

Project Location - Specific:

750 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

Project Location - City: South El Monte

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

### Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

On January 13, 2026, the County of Los Angeles (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Splash Pad Project (Project). Whittier Narrows is a regional recreation area that is operated by the County. The delivery of this project will enhance the recreation area experience and improve water safety next within the recreation area.

This Project includes the installation of a splash pad with various activities using water to spray; seating areas throughout; renovated accessible parking and paved path of travel to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act; and irrigation and new climate-appropriate landscaping, including shade trees within and around the splash pad.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County Public Works, on behalf of Los Angeles County

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: see second page.

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Sections 15301 (a), (b), (d), (f), and (h); 15303 (d) and (e); 15311 (b); and 15329 of the State CEQA Guidelines; and Classes 1 (d), (e), (l), and (m); 3; 11; and 29 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines. Appendix G **+**

### Reasons why project is exempt:

The Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Splash Pad. The project, which will construct a new splash pad, paving, shade, and seating areas; renovate accessible parking with resurfacing and remarking the parking and its aisles, and repaving the path of travel where necessary; and install irrigation and climate-appropriate landscaping in place of nonnative grass; is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in the above sections. The project provides restoration of deteriorated structures, facilities and mechanical equipment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Courtney Tossounian

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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

Signature:  Date: 6/11/26 Title: Capital Projects Manager

■ 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: \_\_\_\_\_