

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: San Bernardino
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

From: (Public Agency): Fontana Unified School Dist
9680 Citrus Avenue
Fontana CA 92335

(Address)

Project Title: Acquisition of Vacant Land for Future School Related Use

Project Applicant: Fontana Unified School District

Project Location - Specific:

SWC Citrus Ave. and San Bernardino Ave. APNs 0235-291-25, 0235-291-23 Fontana

Project Location - City: Fontana Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Acquisition of approximately 8 acres of vacant land by the Fontana Unified School District for the purpose of securing property for potential future development.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Fontana Unified School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Fontana Unified School 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: _____
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

☒ Other: Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

The acquisition of the subject property is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the acquisition itself will result in a significant environmental impact. The District is not proposing any development at this time, and any future use of the site will be subject to separate CEQA review.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Leslie Barnes

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 909-357-5000 ext.29117

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: Leslie Barnes

Date: 5-23-25

Title: Associate Superintendent, Business Services

☒ 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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To: County Clerk - County of San Bernardino - 385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, 2nd Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415

From: Leslie Barnes, Associate Superintendent, Business Services

Agency: Fontana Unified School District

Date: 05/21/2025

Subject: CEQA Determination – Exemption Finding for Acquisition of Vacant Land (APNs 0235-291-25, 0235-291-23)

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Project Description

The Fontana Unified School District proposes to acquire approximately 8 acres of vacant land located at SWC Citrus Ave. and San Bernardino Ave. Fontana, San Bernardino County, identified as Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 0235-291-25, 0235-291-23. The purpose of this acquisition is to secure property for potential future use related to educational facilities or operations. No development or physical change to the environment is proposed at this time.

CEQA Review and Determination

The project has been reviewed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code §21000 et seq., and the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15000 et seq.

After review, it has been determined that the project qualifies for exemption from CEQA under the **“Common Sense” Exemption** (CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3)). This section provides that:

“The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.”

In this case, the acquisition of vacant land **does not entail any development, grading, construction, or other physical alterations to the property**. The purchase, by itself, will not result in any change to the environment. Any future use of the property will undergo appropriate environmental review under CEQA, as required.

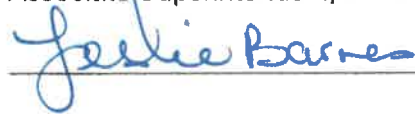
Conclusion

Based on the above, it is determined that the proposed land acquisition is **exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3)**. This exemption finding supports the filing of a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk of San Bernardino County and, if applicable, with the State Clearinghouse at the Office of Planning and Research.

Authorized by:

Leslie Barnes

Associate Superintendent, Business Services



Date: 05/21/2025

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