

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
(State Guidelines § 15062)

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TO: [X] County Clerk/Recorder
County of Riverside
2720 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507

FROM: [X] Lake Elsinore Unified School District
545 Chaney Ave.
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

Project Name: General Obligation Bond Election within the Lake Elsinore Unified School District and Sale of one or more Series of General Obligation Bonds or Equivalent Securities

Project Location (specific): The bond election will encompass all of the territory within the boundaries of the Lake Elsinore Unified School District. Maps of the School District boundaries are on file at the School District business office for public review and are also available for review on the internet at:

http://www.leusd.k12.ca.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=324467&type=d&pREC_ID=732455

Project Location: (City) Cities of Lake Elsinore, Wildomar and unincorporated County territory.

(County) Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

On August 4, 2016, the Governing Board ("Board") of the Lake Elsinore Unified School District ("District") adopted Resolution No. 2016-17-028 calling a general obligation bond election to be held within the boundaries of the District on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 ("Election"). The purpose of the Election is to seek voter approval of the issuance of general obligation bonds to assist in the financing of the acquisition, planning and construction of designated school facilities, equipment, and furnishings within the boundaries of the District. The actions taken to call and conduct the bond election and subsequent issuance and sale of bonds are ministerial and administrative in nature. No other facilities projects or other legislative approvals are made or approved by this action. No environmental impact will result from this action.

Actual approvals of design and construction of facilities financed through the proceeds of bonds, if approved by the voters, will be subject to separate environmental review(s) pursuant to

CEQA. No bond funds will be expended on any facilities project until such project has completed the applicable or necessary CEQA review.

The purpose of the Election is to seek voter authorization to issue bonds in order to design and construct adequate school facilities for the diverse educational needs of students in the community. The anticipated beneficiaries of such voter authorization would include students and landowners within the District, and the community as a whole.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Lake Elsinore Unified School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Lake Elsinore 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: _____
- ☒ Activity Is Not A Project (Sec. 15061(b)(3));

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The Election is exempt from the requirements of CEQA because the activity is not a “project” as defined under CEQA, as it can be determined with certainty that the Election within territory of the District will not have a significant effect on the environment (*see* 14 CCR 15061(b)(3)). The calling and conducting of the Election is similar to the act of forming a community facilities district and conducting a qualified special tax and bond authorizations for such community facilities district, actions which have been held to not have a significant effect on the environment, and thus do not constitute a “project” for purposes of CEQA, as further described in *Kaufman & Broad – South Bay v. Morgan Hill* (1992) 9 Cal.App.6th 666, 11 Cal.Rptr.2d. 792. The Board of the District has made such a finding in conjunction with the proceedings for calling such Election.

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If filed by applicant: Not Applicable

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?

Submission of this form is optional. State agencies may file the form with the Office of Planning and Research pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21108(b). Local agencies may file this form with the county clerk pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152(b). The filing of the notice starts a thirty-five (35) day statute of limitations on court challenges to the approval of the project under Public Resources Code Section 21167(d). Failure to file the notice results in the statute of limitations being extended to one hundred eighty (180) days. The information filed by state agencies is maintained at the Office of Planning and Research, 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, California 95814; telephone (916) 322-2318.

Date: August 4, 2016

Clerk of the Governing Board of the Lake Elsinore
Unified School District