

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
 County of: Solano
 675 Texas Street, Suite 1900
 Fairfield, CA 94533

From: (Public Agency): Gabe Lanusse, General Manager
Greater Vallejo Recreation District
395 Amador Street, Vallejo, CA 94590
 (Address)


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Project Title: Franklin Middle School Park Development

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Project Applicant: Greater Vallejo Recreation District

Project Location - Specific:
 501 Starr Avenue, Vallejo, CA 94590

Birgitta E. Corsello, Clerk of
 the Board of Supervisors of
 the County of Solano, State of California
 Deputy: 

Project Location - City: Vallejo Project Location - County: Solano

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
 Renovation to existing buildings including a kitchen/cafeteria, music room, and theater, including providing ADA access. Construction of gym expansion. Sports fields development. New parking facilities. See attached Supplemental Project Information for additional details.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Greater Vallejo Recreation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Greater Vallejo Recreation District

Exempt Status: (check one):

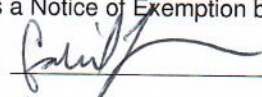
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sections 15303, 15311, & 15323
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
 Section 15303 - New gym structure <10,000 sq. ft consistent with exemption threshold for urbanized area.
 Section 15311 - New parking areas consistent with intent of exemption as an accessory use.
 Section 15323 - Modified facilities do not represent a significant change over past uses.
 See attached Supplemental Project Information for additional details.

Lead Agency
 Contact Person: Gabe Lanusse, General Manager Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 648-4603

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: 2-26-21 Title: General 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.

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Categorical Exemption Supplemental Project Information

Expanded Project Description:

The proposed project will include the following components:

1. New gymnasium building not to exceed 10,000 square feet in area which will include the following sports courts:
 - a. Basketball court
 - b. Three (3) volleyball courts
 - c. Three (3) pickleball courts
2. Covered futsal court near existing and proposed gym buildings (canopy about 10,000 square feet).
3. Façade upgrades to existing on-site buildings.
4. Upgrades to existing ball/sports fields:
 - a. Fenced synthetic turf field that could accommodate multiple sports such as flag football, lacrosse, and soccer.
 - b. Natural turf field with striping to accommodate multiple sport practices and games.
 - c. Hardscape area adjacent to fields to provide seating and picnic area.
5. Development of on-site parking requested by residents in the adjoining neighborhood at a public workshop to reduce the number of vehicles parking on residential streets.
6. To accommodate new and improved facilities, portable classrooms will be removed from the site, and some small features like ballfield backstops and benches will be removed and replaced with new amenities and furnishings.
7. Most site trees will be retained. A cluster of Poplar trees will be removed to accommodate parking lot development. Compensatory planting of new trees for trees removed at a 2:1 ratio will be included in plans.

Rationale for Categorical Exemption:

- Section 15303 – Proposed structure for the new gymnasium will not exceed 10,000 square feet which is the upper threshold for exempt structures in urbanized areas.
- Section 15311 – Accessory structures – “Small” parking lots are considered as exempt uses. The site currently has multiple public facilities and uses, but lacks on-site parking. Adding the proposed parking will result in positive impacts as it will benefit the neighborhood by limiting the need to park on nearby residential streets.
- Section 15323 – Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings – allows for new or modified facilities at sites where the same or similar kind of facilities have existed for at least three years and that new operations do not represent a significant changes in the operation of the facility. As the site has included a combination of civic and recreation buildings and sport courts and fields for many uses, the new and improved uses are consistent with past uses at the site per the criteria for this exemption.



FRANKLIN SPORTS GROUND

VALLEJO, CA.