

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Contra Costa

555 Escobar Street

Martinez, CA 94553

From: (Public Agency): _____
City of Walnut Creek

1666 North Main Street, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

(Address)

Project Title: Heather Farm Park Sports Fields Renovation Project

Project Applicant: City of Walnut Creek

Project Location - Specific:

The project site consists of two sports fields at the southern end of Heather Farm Park

Project Location - City: Walnut Creek Project Location - County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project would replace the existing two natural grass fields at Heather Farm Park with synthetic all weather turf sports fields. The existing turf would be excavated to a maximum depth of 24 inches and replaced with synthetic turf infill. The synthetic turf would be installed on a composite drainage/shock attenuation pad atop a 6-inch drain rock base, which would allow the turf to remain permeable. In addition to the synthetic sports fields, the proposed project would include installation of 8-foot high perimeter fencing and netting to prevent balls from leaving the fields and landing in adjacent parking lots, walkways, or the creek.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Walnut Creek

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: _____

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: Classes 2 and 3, Sections 15302 and 15303
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

the proposed project would include replacement of the two existing turf fields at Heather Farm Park with synthetic turf and installation of perimeter fencing/netting. The proposed project would not expand the size or capacity of the existing fields nor change their use for outdoor recreation. Therefore, the proposed project properly qualifies for an exemption under State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15302 and 15303. Additionally, th the project or its circumstances would not result in any exceptions identified in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Michael Hawthorne Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 925-943-5899 x2245

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: 7/11/24 Title: Public Works Director

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: _____