

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: (Public Agency): Greater Vallejo Recreation District
395 Amador Street
Vallejo, CA 94590

County Clerk
County of: Solano
675 Texas Street, Suite 1900
Fairfield, CA 94533

(Address)

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Project Title: Setterquist Park Improvement Project

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Project Applicant: Greater Vallejo Recreation District

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

Project Location - Specific:
300 Stanford Drive, Vallejo, CA 94590

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) is proposing improvements within Setterquist Park. Setterquist Park is an approximate 8.5 acre triangular shaped park bounded by Stanford Dr. on the southeast, Mini Dr., on the southwest, and internal driveway on the north. The park includes a children's play area, turf play areas, little league fields, a Headstart childcare facility, and two basketball courts and three tennis courts occupying approximately 43,800 sf. Improvements would remove approximately 7,200 sf of an existing deteriorated court and removal of approximately 1,000 sf of landscaped lawn and dirt. New hardscape would be installed and three new basketball hoops would be available to park users. Other improvements include bleachers, benches, fencing, and completion of paved pathway around the new court. The site is heavily disturbed and would not result in impacts. The project would benefit the residents of the City of Vallejo by improving existing recreational resources.

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: § 15301 and §15302
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project would improve approximately 8,200 sf of existing paved area within an existing 8.5 acre park site. The project includes minor ground disturbance and construction within deteriorated and unusable basketball/tennis court area. The project would replace the existing hard scape for use with three basketball hoops. Other improvements within the area includes installation of bleachers, benches, fencing, and a paved pathway. The project does not involve any disturbance to previously undisturbed areas. The proposed project is consistent with State CEQA Exemptions Class 1 - Existing Facilities and Class 2 - Replacement or Reconstruction in accordance with Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15300 et seq. (See attachment A).

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Gabriel Lanusse Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 648-6403

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: [Signature] Date: 3/10/2022 Title: General Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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3-10-22 to

Deputy Clerk of the Board



State of California – The Natural Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

CEQA Compliance Certification

GRANTEE: Greater Vallejo Recreation District

Project Name: Setterquist Park Improvements Project

Project Address: 300 Stanford Drive, Vallejo, CA 94590

Is CEQA complete? Yes No Is completing CEQA a PROJECT SCOPE item? Yes No

What document was filed, or is expected to be filed for this project’s CEQA analysis:

Date complete/expected to be completed

- Notice of Exemption (attach recorded copy if filed)
- Notice of Determination (attach recorded copy if filed)
- Other:

If CEQA is complete, and a Notice of Exemption or Notice of Determination was not filed, attach a letter from the Lead Agency explaining why, certifying the project has complied with CEQA and noting the date that the project was approved by the Lead Agency.

Lead Agency Contact Information	
Greater Vallejo Recreation District	
Agency Name: Greater Vallejo Recreation District	
Contact Person: Gabriel Lanusse M.P.A - General Manager	
Mailing Address: 395 Amador Street, Vallejo, CA 94590	
Phone: () (707) 648-4603	Email: glanusse@gvrd.org

Certification:

I hereby certify that the above referenced Lead Agency has complied or will comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and that the project is described in adequate and sufficient detail to allow the project’s construction or acquisition.

I further certify that the CEQA analysis for this project encompasses all aspects of the work to be completed with grant funds.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE Signature 	Date 3/10/2022
Print Name and Title Gabriel Lanusse - General Manager	

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CEQA Document	Date Received	PO Initials
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Attachment A

Setterquist Park Improvements Project CEQA Exemption Information Form

Greater Vallejo Recreation District

Project Location

The Setterquist Park Improvements Project (proposed project) is located within an existing approximate 8.5-acre park located at 300 Stanford Dr, Vallejo, CA 94590. The park is triangular in shaped and is bounded by Stanford Dr. on the southeast, Mini Dr., on the southwest, and an internal maintenance driveway on the north that connects Mini Dr. and Stanford Dr. Other amenities in the park includes children's play area, turfed play areas, little league fields, two basketball courts, and three tennis courts, and a Head Start childcare facility. The park and surrounding areas have been heavily modified. The surrounding areas consist of suburban development, predominantly residential uses, but other uses include ELITE Public Schools, Mare Island Technology Academy, Griffin Academy, and Calvary Community Church. Neither the project site or immediately surrounding areas contain any natural habitats or undisturbed areas. Primary access to the park is via street parking on both Mini Dr and Stanford Dr.

Proposed Improvements/Description

The proposed improvements would occur within an unused and deteriorated paved area previously used as a sports court basketball and/or tennis. The project would remove and repave approximately 7,200 square feet (sf) of hardscape for use as a basketball court. This includes minor demolition and removal of hardscape and some dirt to prepare the surface for paving. Additional improvements include addition of 2 bleachers between existing courts, new benches, fencing, and a paved pathway. The fencing would be vinyl coated chain link and would replace the existing fencing around the project site. The proposed concrete perimeter pathway would be completed around the new court area and connect to the existing pathway around the existing basketball and tennis court area. The project area is within previously disturbed and paved areas. There is no native habitat or other sensitive resources within or adjacent to the project site.

Project Site Access

Primary access to Setterquist Park is via street parking on both Mini Dr and Stanford Dr.

Land Uses

The City of Vallejo General Plan designates the project site for use as Park, Recreation, and Open Space (P-OS). The P-OS designation applies to lands intended for recreational use and/or natural resource preservation. Parks, playgrounds, active and passive recreational facilities, golf courses, marinas, passive uses, such as trails, for conservation and natural resource protection, and other similar uses are permitted in the P-OS designation. There is no maximum permitted FAR in the P-OS designation. The proposed project is consistent with the land use designation.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1) – Existing Facilities, and Section 15302 (Class 2) Replacement or Reconstruction.

- Section 15301, Class 1, is a categorical exemption which consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15303.)

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1. The key consideration for a Class 1 CE is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. The proposed project would be permitted by the City of Vallejo for the minor improvements and rehabilitation to the existing basketball/tennis court area. Issuance of the permit(s) would be consistent with all applicable land use policy and guidance documents. The proposed project would occur entirely within existing disturbed and improved areas within the existing park. No expansion would occur.

- Section 15302, Class 2, is a categorical exemption that consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced. The project will rehabilitate and improve the area for use as a sports court. Other improvements (bleachers, benching, fencing, etc.) would occur within the existing sports courts (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15302.)

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15302, Class 2. The key consideration for a Class 2 CE is whether the project involves a replacement or reconstruction of an existing structure with the same use prior to installation. The proposed project would repave the existing deteriorated hardscape for use as a basketball court with three new hoops. The other existing usable sports courts would be improved with, benches, bleachers, fencing, and perimeter path. Thus, improvements would replace or reconstruct the existing court improve the usability of the adjacent courts. Therefore, the scope of improvements fall within a Class 2 CE.

Exceptions to Exemptions

The proposed project does not meet any of the exceptions to use of an exemption listed in CEQA Section 15300.2 per the following:

- a) Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the proposed project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may be in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply in all instances, except where the project may impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

The proposed project does not occur within a hazardous waste site and the proposed project would not use, handle, store, or dispose of substantial volumes of any acutely hazardous materials. All materials would be used and handled in conformance with all applicable regulations. Review of the State Water Resources Control Board Geotracker tool or the Department of Toxic Substances

Control (DTSC) EnviroStor Database revealed no evidence of hazardous materials sites on or near the project site.

- b) Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

As stated above, the proposed project would not have an impact on surrounding areas, adjoining sites, or result in a cumulative impact over time. The proposed project is consistent with the existing planning and intent of the City for recreational use of the site. The proposed project would not result in any impacts to the environment and would not make a cumulative contribution to an environmental impact.

- c) Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

The proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment as it would occur on an existing park site where there is no habitat for federal or state listed species. The proposed project would not affect any historic, cultural, or tribal cultural resources.

- d) Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.

The proposed project would occur within an existing park and is not located within or adjacent to any officially designated state scenic highway. The nearest eligible state highway is route 29, approximately 0.3 miles west of the project site. The proposed project improvements would not cause any impact to scenic resources from CA-29 and would not be visible from CA-29. Additionally, the proposed project would not remove any trees, or affect any historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources.

- e) Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

See response to (a) above. There are no hazardous sites within the project area.

- f) Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The project occurs within an existing park and would update an existing unused basketball/tennis court area. No Historical resources would be affected.

Conclusion

The proposed project is consistent with State CEQA Exemptions Class 1 - Existing Facilities, Class 2 – Replacement or reconstruction in accordance with Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15300 et seq. No exceptions to either Exemption detailed in §15300.2 would be applicable. The following page has a Conceptual Site Plan of the proposed project. As shown, the resurfaced hard scape area would be adjacent to the existing courts. Also shown are the bleachers, benches, new basketball hoops, fencing, and completed perimeter path. All work would occur in areas with existing improvements and not result in any impacts. Therefore, the Setterquist Park Improvement Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA.



New concrete perimeter path

New basketball hoops

New sport paving, surfacing, and line marking

Existing concrete perimeter path

Existing basketball courts

New benches

New bleachers

Existing tennis courts

Renovated chain link fencing:
 - Vinyl coated mesh
 - Rails
 - Paint existing poles



CONCEPT SITE PLAN

SETTERQUIST PARK BASKETBALL COURTS- VALLEJO, CA



FEBRUARY 15, 2022