

ODYSSEY STEM ACADEMY – CEQA REVIEW

The District plans to update the existing unused facilities at the former Lakewood Elementary School and open the Odyssey Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Academy. As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the District conducted a review of the proposed project, which resulted in a determination that the project was categorically exempt from CEQA.

The CEQA Guidelines provides a list of classes of projects that have been determined to not have a significant impact on the environment and are exempt from CEQA. The District has reviewed the project against the various classes and determined there are four classes under which the Odyssey STEM Academy is exempt from CEQA. These include Class 1, Existing Facilities; Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; Class 11, Accessory Structures; Class 14, Minor Additions to Schools. The District also reviewed the project for possible exceptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 and determined that none of the exceptions apply. The District filed a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk on February 2, 2018.