



CHARTER OAK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution #06-24-25
FINDING THAT THE CALFIRE GRANT FUNDING PLANNING
ACTIVITIES FOR THE “ROYAL OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL
GREENING AND FORESTRY PLAN” IS EXEMPT FROM THE
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
MAY 15, 2025

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2022, the City of Covina and Charter Oak Unified School District (COUSD) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the joint application of competitive grant funding to be used towards enhancements at the Royal Oak Middle School District Field located at 303 S. Glendora; and,

WHEREAS, Charter Oak Unified and the City of Covina jointly applied for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (“CalFIRE”) competitive Community Forestry Grant Program for community engagement activities, planning, and conceptual design work to develop a greening and forestry plan for the property; and,

WHEREAS, the City was awarded a competitive grant from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (“CalFIRE”) to develop a concept-to-construction plan for the Royal Oak Middle School opens spaces to include, concept designs, community and public outreach, environmental clearance, meetings with the Department of Education’s Division of the State Architect, Preliminary Engineering, cost estimating, and project specifications; and,

WHEREAS, as a condition of a grant award, CalFIRE requires that the City of Covina provide the granting agency with CEQA Clearance for the project; and,

WHEREAS, said City Council, being fully advised in the premises, does hereby proceed as follows.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CHARTER OAK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein and made a part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The Board of Trustees has approved this Resolution and hereby finds and determines that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act or “CEQA” and qualifies for the following exemptions.

2.1 Finding of Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3)

The Royal Oak Middle School Greening and Forestry Plan is covered by the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment. The project consists of community outreach, concept design, and the preparation of a conceptual design package for consideration of potential future action only subject to additional community outreach and design for sports-related facilities. Additional CEQA review will be conducted at that time.

2.2 Finding of Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15262

The eligible activities under the Community Forestry Grant Program are only of Planning Activities, including but not limited to Community Engagement and Concept Development, and the Development of a Conceptual Design package. This action does not involve the adoption of a “project”.


SECTION 3. District staff are hereby directed to prepare and post a notice of exemption according to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062 with the Los Angeles County Registrar/Recorder and the California State Clearinghouse.

ADOPTED THIS 15TH DAY OF MAY, 2025, BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER
OAK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTENTIONS: 0



Gregg Peterson, President



Danny Kim, Ed.D., Superintendent
and Secretary of the Board of Trustees