Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): City of Larkspur
400 Magnolia Avenue
Larkspur, CA 94939

County Clerk
County of Marin
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

Project Title: Niven Park Improvements Project (CIP#180202, Playground Upgrade)
Project Applicant: City of Larkspur

Project Location - Specific: 5 Barry Way, Greenbrae, CA (at intersection of Barry Way & Drakes Landing Road)
Project Location - City: Greenbrae Project Location - County: Marin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The project consists of improvements to an existing playground, including replacement of an existing play structure and installation of new play equipment, picnic tables, drinking fountain and potable water supply, pathways, perimeter fencing, shade trees, educational signage, drought-tolerant pollinator-friendly landscaping, irrigation system, and drainage system.
The improvements benefit the community by bringing the playground to current safety and ADA compliance. New playground safety surfacing improves overall accessibility; perimeter fencing provides separation between users and off-leash dogs; new trees provide shade; landscaping and associated signage provides educational flora and fauna information and also replaces grass/lawn with water-efficient landscaping; and new equipment and decorative elements enhance recreational activities children and their families.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City Council for City of Larkspur
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Public Works Department for City of Larkspur

Exempt Status: (check one)
☐ Ministerial (Sec.21080(b)(l); 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: 15303 (e) and 15304(b)
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why this project is exempt:
The project meets the categorical exemption criteria based on:
Section 15303(e) [New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures] which allows for the construction of appurtenant structures such as fencing, play equipment and landscape features;
Section 15304 [Minor Alterations to Land] which allow for new landscaping, including converting existing conventional landscaping with water efficient landscaping. No healthy, mature, scenic trees are being removed.
In addition, the project is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guideline Section 15301 “Existing Facilities” as an addition to an existing structure. No exception set forth in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines applies to the project including, but not limited to, Subsection (a), which relates to impacts on environmental resources (existing developed park site); Subsection (b), which relates to cumulative impacts (no significant projects approved in neighborhood);

Authority Cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21098, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code

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Subsection (c), which relates to unusual circumstances (size of project is not unusual for an existing park in a residential neighborhood; or Subsection (d), which relates to scenic highways (not a highway project); Subsection (e), which relates to hazardous waste site (not on a hazardous waste site; and Subsection (f), which relates to historical resources (park was built in the 1970’s and there are no historic resources).

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Julian Skinner Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 415-927-5017

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: [Date] Title: Public Works Director

□ Signed by Lead Agency □ Signed by Applicant

Authority Cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21086, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code

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