



San Luis Obispo County
Department of Planning and Building
environmental division

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION NO. ED11-170 DATE: May 23, 2012

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

ENTITLEMENT & P/D NO: Building and Construction Ordinance (Title 19) Amendment (LRP 2011-00012)

LOCATION: County-Wide

PROPOSED USES/INTENT: A request by the County of San Luis Obispo to amend and update Title 19 of the County Code – The Building and Construction Ordinance

APPLICANT: County of San Luis Obispo

EXEMPT STATUS/FINDINGS

This project is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this project may have a significant effect on the environment, therefore, the activity is not subject to CEQA. [Reference: State CEQA Guidelines sec. 15061(b)(3), General Rule Exemption]

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The changes to the Building and Construction Ordinance (Title 19) updates the code and implements State regulations. These changes would not result in impacts to the environment, or changes in the way the environmental review is conducted on individual projects. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this project may have a significant effect on the environment. Individual projects will continue to be subject to CEQA review.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information pertaining to this notice of exemption may be obtained by reviewing the second page of this document and by contacting the Environmental Coordinator, County Government Center, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405, (805) 781-5600.

REVIEW FOR EXEMPTION / ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

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Pursuant to section 15061 of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the preliminary review of a project includes a determination as to whether a project is exempt from CEQA. This checklist represents a summary of this project's review for exemption.

| | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> |
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| 1. Does this project fall within any exempt class as listed in sections 15301 through 15329 of the State CEQA Guidelines? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Is there a reasonable possibility that the project could have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Is the project inconsistent with any Federal, State, or local law or administrative requirement relating to the environment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Will the project involve substantial public controversy regarding environmental issues? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of achieving long-term environmental goals? (A short-term impact on the environment is one which occurs in a relatively brief, definitive period of time while long-term impacts will endure well into the future.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Does the project have adverse impacts which are individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant? Cumulatively significant means that the incremental effects of an individual project are substantially adverse when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

On the basis of this initial evaluation, I find that the proposed project does not have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment, and is therefore exempt from CEQA.

Stephanie Fuhs
for Ellen Carroll, Environmental Coordinator

May 23, 2012
Date