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NOTICE OF GENERAL RULE EXEMPTION

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING
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ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION NO. ED11-0193 DATE: 6/18/12

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

ENTITLEMENT & P/D NO: LRP2011-00013

LOCATION: County of San Luis Obispo - Countywide

PROPOSED USES/INTENT: County of San Luis Obispo Green Building 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 proposed County Green Building Ordinance proposes building code amendments which require building measures for energy efficiency, water recuction, waste reduction and other green building techniques. These amendments have no signigicant effect on the environment, and in fact provide measures which lessen environmental effects of construction projects.

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, 976 Osos St., Rm. 300, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408, (805) 781-5600.

REVIEW FOR EXEMPTION / ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Project Title & No: County Green Building Ordinance

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.

		YES	NO
1.	Does this project fall within any exempt class as listed in sections 15301 through 15329 of the State CEQA Guidelines?	☒	☐
2.	Is there a reasonable possibility that the project could have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances?	☐	☒
3.	Is the project inconsistent with any Federal, State, or local law or administrative requirement relating to the environment?	☐	☒
4.	Will the project involve substantial public controversy regarding environmental issues?	☐	☒
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?	☐	☒
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.)	☐	☒
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.	☐	☒
8.	Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	☐	☒

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.

for Ellen Carroll, Environmental Coordinator

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County of San Luis Obispo Green Building Ordinance LRP2011-00013 (ED11-0193)
Project Title

County wide
Project Location - Specific

San Luis Obispo
Project Location – County

County to adopt green building standards and amendments to Cal Green
Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project

County of San Luis Obispo (see address above)
Name of Public Agency Approving Project

County of San Luis Obispo
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

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.	{Sec. 15308; Class: 8 }
☐	Statutory Exemption	{Sec.___}

Reasons why project is exempt: Art. 19 - Categorical Exemption descriptions

Ryan Hostetter, Project Manager (805) 788-2351
Lead Agency Contact Person **Telephone**

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 Ryan Hostetter Date 6-18-12
Name (Print) Ryan Hostetter Title Planner III

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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