NOTICE OF GENERAL RULE EXEMPTION

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING
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Project Title and No.: County -- Ordinance to Amend Title 19 to adopt by reference the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance; LRP2015-00003; ED15-114

Project Location(Specific address): Countywide (Unincorporated Areas)	**Project Applicant & Phone No.:** SLO County Planning and Building Department Contact - Cheryl Cochran / 805-781-1366
Project Location(County): San Luis Obispo	**Applicant Address (specific):** 976 Osos Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of San Luis Obispo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project

A request by the COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO to amend the Building and Construction Ordinance (Title 19 of the San Luis Obispo County Code) to adopt by reference Sections 490-495, Chapter 2.7, Division 2, Title 23 in the California Code of Regulations the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance in accordance with Executive Order B-29-15. This project affects all of the unincorporated portions of the County.

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 per State CEQA Guidelines sec. 15061(b)(3), General Rule Exemption.

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed ordinance will: amend existing Title 19 language by adding a reference to the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and comply with Executive Order EO B-29-15 that requires local agencies to adopt the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance or an equally effective local ordinance. The amendment is intended to reduce water usage associated with landscaping, which will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

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 200, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408 (805) 781-5600.

Cheryl Cochran, SLO County Planning & Building Department 805-781-1366

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 _____ Date 10/29/2015

Name (Print) Cheryl Cochran Title Planner

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.

		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.

Cheryl Cochran, Planner 10/29/2015

for Ellen Carroll, Environmental Coordinator Date