NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING
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Project Title and No.: Extension of Interim Biosolids Ordinance; ED Number 16-063

Project Location (Specific address [use APN or description when no situs available]): County of San Luis Obispo	**Project Applicant/Phone No./Email:** County Health Agency/(805) 781-5544/lpozzebon@co.slo.ca.us **Applicant Address (Street, City, State, Zip):** 2156 Sierra Way; Ste B; SLO, CA 93401

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project

Extension of the Moratorium on the Land Application of Treated Sewage Sludge/Biosolids (hereafter referred to as the "interim ordinance"). The interim ordinance has been in effect since March 2004. The extension of this interim ordinance will revise the end date of the Interim Ordinance from March 31, 2018 to March 31, 2021.

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

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.___; Class: _____ }
- ☐ Statutory Exemption {Sec.____}
- ☒ General Rule Exemption. {Sec. 15061(b)(3)}
- ☐ Not a Project _____

Reasons why project is exempt: 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]. During the twelve year period the Interim Ordinance has been in effect, the County has not received any applications for the land application of biosolids pursuant to the Ordinance. The extension of the Ordinance will not change the environmental baseline and cannot have the potential for causing significant effects on the environment.

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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: James Caruso for Date: October 11, 2016

Name: Ellen Carroll Title: Environmental Coordinator

On _____ the project was Approved by:

☒ Board of Supervisors ☐ Subdivision Review Board ☐ Other _____

☐ Planning Commission ☐ Planning Dept Hearing Officer

GENERAL RULE EXEMPTION - 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.

James Caruso (jcaruso@co.slo.ca.us) October 11, 2016

for Ellen Carroll, Environmental Coordinator Date

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