



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Date 09/03/2025

Case Number

Dept/Div/Year/Project#/NOE#

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TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

FROM LEAD AGENCY: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Staff Contact: Brandon Kaysen

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City: Santa Barbara

State: CA

Zip: 93110

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Does this project involve a state/federal agency? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Project Name: New Cuyama Aquatics Center - Solar PPA

District: First Supervisorial District

Address: 290 Wasioja St.

City/Area: Unincorporated Area

Zip Code: 93254

APN: 149-040-003

Project #: 25103

NOE #: 1

Funding/POPPA:

Project Description: (Section §15124 of the CEQA Guidelines defines the types of information that should be included in a project description)

The County is pursuing the installation of solar photovoltaics systems via a Power Purchase Agreement at the New Cuyama Aquatics Center, located at 290 Wasioja St., New Cuyama, CA 93254 (APN 149-040-003).

Determine that the renewable energy project is statutorily exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21080.35 (installing solar systems on existing roofs and existing parking lots), and it is further categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA per sections 15301 (minor alterations to existing facilities) and 15303 (limited construction of small facilities) and 15304 (minor alterations of land) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations and a Notice of Exemption was filed on that basis, and that the recommended actions are within the scope of that Notice of Exemption.

DETERMINATION: (select category)

- ☐ Not a Project (§15378)
- ☐ Ministerial Exemption (§15268)
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (§15260)
- ☒ Categorical Exemption (§15354 [15302-33])
- ☐ CatEx - Existing Facilities (§15300)
- ☐ Emergency Project Exemption (§15359)

Scope of Exemption:

Categorical Exemptions are made up of classes of projects that generally are considered not to have potential impacts on the environment. Categorical exemptions are identified and defined in the CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR Section 15300-15331). Categorical exemptions are not allowed to be used for projects that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource, except when the Department of the Interior Standards are applied. Therefore, lead agencies must first determine if the project has the potential to impact historical resources and if those impacts could be adverse prior to determining if a categorical exemption may be utilized for any given project.

Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14 §15300

PRIMARY reason for the Determination:

Please select the reason from list...

FINDING TO SUPPORT DETERMINATION: (attach additional material, only if necessary)

Department/Division
Representative

Brandon Kaysen

(print name: Brandon Kaysen)

Digitally signed by Brandon Kaysen
Date: 2025.09.03 11:08:37 -07'00'

Date 9/3/25

DISTRIBUTION:

NOTE: A copy must be posted at least 6 days prior to consideration of the activity by the decision-makers to comply with County CEQA guidelines and a copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.



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Complete this form when filing a Notice of Determination (Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental Impact Report) or Notice of Exemption.

Contact Person		Phone	
Brandon Kaysen		805-621-1135	
Lead Agency		Lead Agency Email	
General Services Department (County of Santa Barbara)		countyarchitect@countyofsb.org	
Project Title			
New Cuyama Aquatics Center - Solar PPA			
Project Applicant		Phone	
Brandon Kaysen		805-621-1135	
Email			
bkaysen@countyofsb.org			
Project Applicant Address		State	Zip
260 N. San Antonio Rd.		CA	93110
City			
Santa Barbara			

☐ Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	
☐ 2024 Filing Fee	\$4,051.25
☐ Previously Paid (must attach receipt)	\$0.00
☐ No Effect Determination (must be attached).....	\$0.00

☐ This project has been approved. Date of Approval: Click or tap to enter a date.

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| ☐ Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)..... | |
| ☐ 2024 Filing Fee | \$2,916.75 |
| ☐ Previously Paid (must attach receipt) | \$0.00 |
| ☐ No Effect Determination (must be attached)..... | \$0.00 |

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- ☐ Notice of Exemption.....\$0.00

- County Administrative Handling Fee (required for all filings, effective 7/19/18)\$50.00

TOTAL: \$ 50.00

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check # _____
In person only

- Journal Entry # 1066032
In FIN send to 'COB CEQA' in CEO Dept



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY General Services Department - County of SB	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL countyarchitect@countyofsb.org	DATE 09/23/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE

New Cuyama Aquatics Center - Solar PPA

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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 260 N. San Antonio Rd.	CITY Santa Barbara	STATE CA
	ZIP CODE 93101	

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,123.50	\$	0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,968.75	\$	0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,401.75	\$	0.00

☒ Exempt from fee

☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)

☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
☒ County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
☐ Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☒ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE

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AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Katherine Douglas, Deputy Clerk