

Date 03/12/2025

Case Number 063-2025-21010-002

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

Dept/Div/Year/Project#/NOE#

**TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors**  
**FROM LEAD AGENCY: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT****RECEIVED**

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Clerk of the Board-Filing Date

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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: Calle Real Master Plan Program Environmental Impact Report District: Second Supervisorial District

Address: Calle Real Campus

City/Area: Santa Barbara

Zip Code: 93110

APN: 059-140-029

Project #: 21010

NOE #: 001 Funding/POPPA: 0030-063-8200-1930-21010

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

The Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Calle Real Campus Master Plan is to provide the County, responsible agencies, trustee agencies, and the public with detailed information about potential project-specific and cumulative environmental impacts associated with a series of proposed activities in connection with the Calle Real Master Plan. The Calle Real Campus Master Plan Program Environmental Impact Report is intended to Inform decision-makers within the County, stakeholders and the public about the potential cumulative environmental effects the proposed Calle Real Master Plan Program, or series of related projects, may cause, ways to minimize the effects through mitigation strategies for the entire program and Compare considerations for alternatives to the program.

**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: 15306 Information Gathering

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

Based upon the project description above, the General Services Department (as Lead Agency) has determined the project (Calle Real Master Plan Program Environmental Impact Report) is within the scope of §15306 that consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, §15306

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Department/Division  
Representative

(print name:

Ashton Ellis

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**DISTRIBUTION:** Clerk of the Board File, Public Notice Board, and Project File

**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.



# 2024 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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

You will need to submit one original for posting plus one copy for the Department of Fish & Wildlife. A scanned copy including the date/time of posting will be emailed to the Lead Agency and Project Applicant. If you would like a return copy, please submit an extra copy along with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

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Lead Agency General Services Department (County of Santa Barbara)		Lead Agency Email countyarchitect@countyofsb.org	
Project Title Calle Real Master Plan Program Environmental Impact Report			
Project Applicant Ashton Ellis	Email aellis@countyofsb.org	Phone 916-718-6922	
Project Applicant Address 260 N. San Antonio Road, 2nd Floor	City Santa Barbara	State CA	Zip 93110

## DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR) .....
- ☐ 2021 Filing Fee .....\$3,445.25
- ☐ Previously Paid (must attach receipt) ..... \$0.00
- ☐ No Effect Determination (must be attached)..... \$0.00

- ☐ Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration .....
- ☐ 2021 Filing Fee .....\$2,480.25
- ☐ Previously Paid (must attach receipt) ..... \$0.00
- ☐ No Effect Determination (must be attached)..... \$0.00

- ☒ Notice of Exemption ..... \$0.00

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

TOTAL: **\$ 50.00**

**PAYMENT METHOD: ALL APPLICABLE FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF FILING**

☐ Cash    ☐ Credit Card    ☐ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ ☒ Journal Entry # JE-0279597





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 Santa Barbara)	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL Countyarchitect@countyofsb.org	DATE 04/02/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE

**Calle Real Master Plan Program Environmental Impact Report**

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Ashton Ellis	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL aellis@countyofsb.org	PHONE NUMBER (916) 718-6922
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 260 N. San Antonio Road, 2nd Floor	CITY Santa Barbara	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93110

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,123.50	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,968.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 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)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	

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☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☒ Other

**TOTAL RECEIVED** \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Katherine Douglas, Deputy Clerk
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