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**CEQA NOE**



# 2021 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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| Contact Person            |       | Phone             |     |
| Lead Agency               |       | Lead Agency Email |     |
| Project Title             |       |                   |     |
| Project Applicant         | Email | Phone             |     |
| Project Applicant Address | City  | State             | Zip |

### DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) .....
  - 2021 Filing Fee .....\$3,445.25
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  - 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

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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** General Services Department/Real Property Division

Based on a preliminary review of the project the following activity is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

**APN(s)** 071-220-032 (portion)

**Case No.** Real Property File No. 003825

**LOCATION:** 5473 Overpass Road, Goleta, CA 93117

**PROJECT TITLE:** BUNS @ County Animal Services Shelter Amendments to the MOU and License Agreement

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed action is for amending the 2017 MOU to allow for a month to month term and the BUNS RHD License Agreement that will expire on February 28, 2022 to continue on a month to month basis, and ratification of the Amendment to BUNS License Agreement to allow the BUNS (Bunnies Urgently Needing Shelter) organization to continue to use the County's Public Health Department/Animal Services Shelter for their program of providing shelter and care to rabbits and guinea pigs in need; promoting the education of humane care, welfare and behavior of rabbits and guinea pigs; and promoting and providing the active role and actions taken immediately when recognizing the Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHD) that was rapidly spreading nationwide in 2021. Public Health/Animal Services and BUNS are currently in negotiations for a new license agreement that will provide for an all-encompassing program at the Animal Services Shelter. BUNS will continue to be responsible for the operation and any urgently needed repairs, maintenance and supplies. The month to month terms for these amended license agreements will terminate upon execution of a new license agreement and MOU, based on the current negotiations, by the County Board of Supervisors. BUNS shall receive free rent in lieu of the services provided to the community pursuant to California Government Code §26227.

**EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)**

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- X Categorical Exemption [Sections 15301]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** 15301 [*Existing Facilities*]

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** The proposed action is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301 [*Existing Facilities*] of the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The CEQA Existing Facilities exemption at Section 15301 allows for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

With regard to the proposed project, the exceptions to the Existing Facilities categorical exemption that must be considered pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines are:

- (a) ***Location.*** *Classes 3,4,5,6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply in all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and official adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.*

The Section 15301 is a Class 1 Categorical Exemption, therefore this exception is not applicable.

- (b) ***Cumulative Impact.*** *All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.*

There are no successive projects of the same type in the same place anticipated for this location. There is no cumulative impact and, therefore this exception does not apply.

- (c) ***Significant Effect.*** *A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.*

The County's proposed Service and Lease Agreement to continue the current use of this existing property will not result in any physical changes or impacts to the environment and therefore will not result in a significant effect on the environment.

- (d) ***Scenic Highways.*** *A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.*

This proposed project is in an existing building. There are no state scenic highways in the project area. This exception does not apply.

- (e) ***Hazardous Waste Sites.*** *A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.*

This proposed project is not located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. Therefore, it is not located on a hazardous waste site and this exception does not apply.

- (f) ***Historical Resources.*** *A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.*

This proposed project does not involve any historical resources. This exception does not apply.

As described above, none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions contained within Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines apply to this project.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Janette D. Pell

**Phone:** (805) 560-1011

**Department/Division Representative:** Janette D. Pell

**NOTE:** A copy of this document must be posted with the County's Planning and Development Department 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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Janette D. Pell 2/17/22  
Department /Division Representative Date

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