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**CEQA Notice of Exemption for
County Project No. 20060
(Posted May 18, 2023)**



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

FROM LEAD AGENCY: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Clerk of the Board-Filing Date

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PROJECT INFORMATION:

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

Project Name: Hedges House of Hope Kitchen Renovation

District: Second Supervisorial District

Address: 6549 El Colegio

City/Area: Goleta

Zip Code: 93117

APN: 075-034-05

Project #: 20060

NOE #: 1

Funding/POPPA: 063 0030 1930 8200 20060

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

Renovation of a dilapidated, partially demolished non-functioning existing kitchen into a commercial kitchen in an existing homeless shelter with electrical service upgrade. Small building expansion for a storage closet, and minor trenching for expanded electrical utility line. Kitchen will provide over 100 meals per day to (2) homeless shelters, and inclement weather warming centers (when needed). Current need for catering these meals will be eliminated when kitchen renovation is completed.

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: 15301(d) Existing Facilities-Rehabilitation of Damaged Facilities

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 (Hedges House of Hope Kitchen Renovation) is within the scope of §15301 exemptions which consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use under subsection (d) Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety, unless it is determined that the damage was substantial and resulted from an environmental hazard such as earthquake, landslide, or flood.

Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, §15301(d)

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Patrick Zuroske

Department/Division
Representative

(print name: Patrick Zuroske)

Date 4/18/2023 | 8:4

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.