

## **Attachment 2**

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**Notice of Exemption  
Project No. 21053**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

Dept/Div/Year/Project#/NOE#

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

Clerk of the Board-Filing Date

Staff Contact: Lou Gibilisco

Division: Captial, Energy and Facilities

Phone: (805) 431-2679

Fax:

Email: lgibilisco@countyofsb.org

Address: 912 W. Foster Rd

City: Santa Maria

State: CA

Zip: 93455

**PROJECT INFORMATION:**Does this project involve a state/federal agency? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Project Name: BWell Tecolote House (Casa Omega) Renovation 21053

District: Please select from list...

Address: 310 Camino Del Remedio

City/Area: Santa Barbara

Zip Code: 93110

APN: 059-140-029

Project #: 21053

NOE #: 002

Funding/POPPA: 0030/063/8200/1930

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

The purpose of this project is to develop a facility known as the Tecolote House for use as a Board and Care facility for people requiring residential behavioral health support. The facility may house some residents for up to 18 months as they move through the continuum of care. The previous use of the facility was a residential care facility for disabled adults managed by a non-County agency. The facility was developed approximately 50 years ago for this purpose.

The site is located on the County's Calle Real Campus in an unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County, and once the improvements are complete the facility will be operated through the BWell system. The Tecolote House site also provides convenient access to various services supporting clients as they transition through Behavioral Wellness treatment. The fifty plus year old facility is a stucco and wood-framed structure with a composition shingle roof. The previous site managers conducted several additions and improvements over the years that have expanded the size and capabilities of the structure, including a small bedroom addition and updates to facility mechanical systems. The project will consist of the modernization of the existing facility to meet current building, fire code, accessibility and program needs.

**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(a) Existing Facilities~Exterior or Interior Modifications

**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 (BWell Tecolote House (Casa Omega) Renovation 21053) 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, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use under subsection (a) interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances.

Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, §15301(a)

Department/Division  
Representative

(print name:)

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John Green  
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John Green

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Date

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

105 E. Anapamu St. Room 407 • Santa Barbara • CA • 93101

(805) 568-2240

Complete this form when filing a Notice of Determination (Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental Impact Report) or Notice of Exemption.			
A scanned copy of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Receipt, Transmittal Memorandum and the CEQA filing 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.			
Contact Person <b>Lou Gibilisco</b>		Phone <b>805 431-2679</b>	
Lead Agency <b>General Services Department (County of Santa Barbara)</b>		Lead Agency Email <b>countyarchitect@countyofsb.org</b>	
Project Title <b>BWell Tecolote House (Casa Omega) Renovation 21053</b>			
Project Applicant <b>Lou Gibilisco</b>		Email <b>lgibilisco@countyofsb.org</b>	
		Phone <b>805 431-2679</b>	
Project Applicant Address <b>912 W. Foster Road</b>		City <b>Santa Maria</b>	State <b>CA</b>
		Zip <b>93455</b>	

DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR) .....	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2024 Filing Fee .....	\$4,051.25
<input type="checkbox"/> Previously Paid ( <b>must attach receipt</b> ) .....	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> No Effect Determination ( <b>must be attached</b> ).....	\$0.00
Environmental Filing Fees will be collected <b>only</b> for projects that are approved. The Applicant must attest to the following:	
<input type="checkbox"/> This project has been approved.   Date of Approval: <a href="#">Click or tap to enter a date.</a>	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).....	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2024 Filing Fee .....	\$2,916.75
<input type="checkbox"/> Previously Paid ( <b>must attach receipt</b> ) .....	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> No Effect Determination ( <b>must be attached</b> ).....	\$0.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption.....	\$0.00
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Administrative Handling Fee ( <b>required for all filings, effective 7/19/18</b> ) .....	\$50.00

TOTAL: \$ 50.00

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit	<input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Journal Entry # <b>JE-0280537</b>
			In FIN send to 'COB CEQA' in CEO Dept



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:  
42 — 04/16/2025 — 00

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 lgibilisco@countyofsb.org	DATE 04/16/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara	DOCUMENT NUMBER	
PROJECT TITLE		

**BWell Tecolote House (Casa Omega) Renovation 21053**

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Lou Gibilisco	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL lgibilisco@countyofsb.org	PHONE NUMBER (805) 431-2679
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 912 W. Foster Road	CITY Santa Maria	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93455

**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)	\$4,051.25	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$	

☒ 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	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

☐ Cash

☐ Credit

☐ Check

☒ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED

\$

0.00

SIGNATURE DocuSigned by:  954424251642422	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE John Green, Assistant Director, General Services
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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE  
 CASH RECEIPT**

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

### NOTICE

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

### COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

### COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

#### Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):

- ☐ Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- ☐ Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- ☐ Mail filing fees for **CRP** document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a **No Effect Determination** signed by CDFW, also:

- ☐ Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

#### Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) *(Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))*

- ☐ Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

**Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected**, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

#### The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- ✓ A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- ✓ A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
- ✓ A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

### DOCUMENT RETENTION

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

### RECEIPT NUMBER

- # The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
- # The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
- # The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

### DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.

#### Mail to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
 Accounting Services Branch  
 P.O. Box 944209  
 Sacramento, California 94244-2090