

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Department  
(Lead Department/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) 125-064-002 Case No. HMGP-1731-51-28

LOCATION 312 North Cook Street, Santa Maria, CA 93455

PROJECT TITLE Seismic Retrofit Cook & Miller Court Campus

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The County of Santa Barbara proposes to execute a seismic retrofit project located on its Santa Maria, Cook & Miller Court Campus involving buildings A, B & C. The scope of the Undertaking includes the removal of portions of the exterior plaster finish to install lateral shear panels, foundation and roof anchors and cross strapping to increase the lateral resistance of the affected buildings. The exterior plaster finish will then be replaced to match existing that was not affected by the work. Interior lateral shear panels, moment frames or other minor improvements to increase the lateral resistance of the affected buildings is also included.

EXEMPT STATUS:(Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061 (b,3)].

Cite specific CEQA Guideline 15301 (a and d)

Exemption Support Findings: Class 1 Categorical Exemptions consists of the repair or maintenance of existing public structures. Under CEQA guidelines, Section 15301 (a) provides an exemption for alterations to the interior of existing buildings when those alterations do not change the use, size or function of the building. Section 15301 (d) provides an exemption for the restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures to meet current standards of public health or safety. The project is a FEMA funded Seismic Mitigation effort to correct structural deficiencies in the affected buildings'.

Department/Division Representative  Date: November 18, 2009  
Robert Coley, AIA County Architect

NOTE: A copy must be posted P&D 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 statue of limitations on legal challenges.

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