

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Public Works/Transportation Division  
(Lead Department/Division)

COUNTY CLERK  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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 (Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 et seq.), as defined in the State CEQA Guidelines and County Revised CEQA Guidelines.

APN(s) Right-of-Way **Project No.** 900900

**LOCATION:** Lillie Ave in the Community of Summerland

**PROJECT TITLE:** Lillie Ave Street Lights, Southern California Edison License Agreement

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This proposed project is a request for the Board to approve and authorize the Chair to execute the First Amendment to the License Agreement with Southern California Edison Company, and to additionally allow the installation of flower baskets on streetlights and electric poles on Lillie Ave in the town of Summerland. The Department received a request from the Summerland Citizens Association (SCA) to mount flower baskets and add other flags, in addition to American flag, on SCE streetlights and poles. This item is on the agenda to amend the License Agreement with Southern California Edison Company (SCE) to allow flower baskets to be installed on streetlights and electric poles on Lillie Ave in the town of Summerland. This exemption considers all further administrative activities for this project such as Authority to Advertise, Award of Contract and Statement of Final Quantities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Public Works Transportation Division

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

- Ministerial  
 Statutory Exemption  
 Categorical Exemption 15301(c)  
 Emergency Project  
 Declared Emergency

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** 15301(c) Existing Facilities— Class 1 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The types of "existing facilities" itemized below

are not intended to be all inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class 1. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. Examples include but are not limited to: (c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety).

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** Consistent with this exemption, this proposed project involves a minor alteration within an existing public road facility. The project allows for the installation of flower baskets on streetlights and the electric poles along the roadway improve safety by increasing driver awareness. Further, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. Therefore, this project can be found to be categorically exempt from CEQA. -

There is no substantial evidence that there are unusual circumstances (including future activities) resulting in (or which might reasonably result in) significant impacts which threaten the environment. The exceptions to the categorical exemptions 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 all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.**

CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 is a Class 1 exemption; therefore, this exception does not apply.

**(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.**

The project involves the alteration and maintenance of an existing roadway facility with installation of flower baskets on streetlights and the electric poles on Lillie Ave to improve safety and awareness. Beautification efforts along roadways can improve safety by increasing driver awareness. Additionally, there are no other identified projects which would contribute to cumulative impacts. 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 project involves routine alteration of existing facilities to improve the aesthetics of the roadway enhances the overall visual appeal of the surroundings. The project proposes to transform an otherwise mundane stretch of road into a more visually

pleasing and enjoyable experience for the traveling public. The project will occur where no sensitive resources are located. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (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.**

The project does not involve a scenic highway or a project which may result in damage to a scenic resource, rock outcropping or similar resource. The installation of flower baskets on streetlights and electric poles is a form of beautification and by incorporating beauty along roadways offers numerous benefits, including visual appeal, improved mental well-being, enhanced safety, environmental advantages, economic development, and community engagement. Therefore, 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.**

There are no hazardous wastes site locations in the residential roadway right of way. The proposed project is a method of beautifying roadways that can have positive economic impacts on surrounding areas. Aesthetically pleasing roads and landscapes attract tourists, enhance the appeal of commercial areas, and can lead to increased business opportunities and property values. By creating an inviting and visually appealing environment, communities can stimulate economic growth and development. Therefore, 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.**

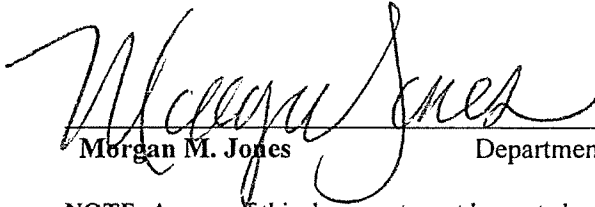
The roadway involved is not identified as a historical resource. The proposed project aims to create a more aesthetically pleasing roadway to help instill a sense of pride and ownership with the local community. When roadways and their surroundings being cared for and beautified, it promotes a sense of community engagement and encourages individuals to take pride in their neighborhood. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Public Works-Transportation Division, Phone: (805) 568-3064

Department/Division Representative: Morgan M. Jones, Engineering Environmental Program Business Leader.

Acceptance Date: **June 27, 2023**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



Morgan M. Jones

Department Representative

June 5, 2023

Date

NOTE: A copy of this document must be posted 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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# 2023 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.

Contact Person <b>Yanette Luna</b>		Phone <b>805-568-3094</b>	
Lead Agency <b>Dept. of Public Works, Transportation</b>		Lead Agency Email <b>yluna@countyofsb.org</b>	
Project Title <b>Lillie Ave Street Lights, Southern California Edison License Agreement in the town of Summerland</b>			
Project Applicant <b>Eric Pearson</b>	Email <b>epearso@countyofsb.org</b>	Phone <b>805-681-5686</b>	
Project Applicant Address <b>123 E Anapamu St</b>	City <b>Santa Barbara</b>	State <b>CA</b>	Zip <b>93101</b>

### DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

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Environmental Impact Report (EIR) .....  
 2023 Filing Fee ..... \$3,839.25  
 Previously Paid (must attach receipt) ..... \$0.00  
 No Effect Determination (must be attached)..... \$0.00

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Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration .....  
 2023 Filing Fee ..... \$2,764.00  
 Previously Paid (must attach receipt) ..... \$0.00  
 No Effect Determination (must be attached)..... \$0.00

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Notice of Exemption ..... \$0.00

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

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TOTAL: \$ 50.00

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

Cash     Credit Card     Check # \_\_\_\_\_     Journal Entry # 0249935  
(in person only)

# Journal Entry

Document Number: JE - 0249935  
 Document Description: Process fee-Notice of Exemption SCE Agreement  
 Post On: 6/27/2023  
 Batch ID: 2786285  
 Created On: 6/5/2023 1:14:35 PM  
 Processed On:  
 Created By: Brian Gilbert  
 Processed By:

## References

Audit Trail: 6/27FeeExp Cash Type: I - Interfund

## Accounting

Fund	Dept	GL Acct	LI Acct	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Prog	QUnit	Proj	Act	Area	Equip	Depositor	Description
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## Signatures

Signed By: Brian Gilbert  
 Approval Level: Fund/Department  
 Department/Agency-Fund Group: 054-Roads  
 Signed On: 6/5/2023 1:17:59 PM  
 Valid: Y



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2023 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/23) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 42 — 06/29/2023 — 174  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY Dept. of Public Works, Transportation	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL yluna@countyofsb.org	DATE 06/29/2023
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE

Lillie Ave Street Lights, Southern California Edison License Agreement in the town of Summerland

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Eric Pearson	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL epearson@countyofsb.org	PHONE NUMBER (805) 681-5686
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 123 E Anapamu St.	CITY Santa Barbara	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93101

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)  | \$3,839.25 | \$ | 0.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)   | \$2,764.00 | \$ | 0.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW         | \$1,305.25 | \$ | 0.00  |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee   |            |    |       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)  |            |    |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  |            |    |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)                   |            |    |       |
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| <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  |            | \$ |       |

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash     Credit     Check     Other    TOTAL RECEIVED    \$    50.00

SIGNATURE x	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Chelsea Lenzi
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**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