

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, LEAD AGENCY

Clerk of the Board-Filing Date

Based on a review of the project and project description, the following activity is determined as indicated below. Specific findings are indicated below and environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as amended, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA are included, if applicable.

APN(s) (or N/A): **059-140-029**

Case No. GSD-030624-20041-0001

(current date, project# and NOE number for this project)

LOCATION(city/unincorporated area/NA): **City of Santa Barbara**

PROJECT TITLE: Santa Barbara County Main Jail Renovation

PROJECT DESCRIPTION : The Santa Barbara County Main Jail, located at 4436 Calle Real in the City of Santa Barbara in the County, will be renovated to address immediate requirements identified pursuant to a settlement reached in 2020 between Santa Barbara County and the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office, and Disability Rights California, Prison Law Office, and King & Spalding LLP. The project will include division of the existing recreation yard for inmates to provide additional out-of-cell time, Americans with Disabilities improvements within the existing Inmate Reception Center (the "IRC"), and renovations to the IRC to accommodate an improved intake area. Improvements are part of a larger initiative to reduce the Main Jail used capacity from 751 to 128 beds as a result of the County opening a new jail located in the northern area of the County, improve booking and arraignment in south county and generate operational savings. The project will also include capital improvements to extend the useful life of the facilities, including roofing and HVAC replacement in specified areas, parking lot and walkway replacements, elevator replacement, and door system and lock replacement within the IRC.

Construction is expected to commence in March 2024, with completion expected in February 2027.

DETERMINATION:

NOT A PROJECT (§15378): A *project* as defined by CEQA is one in which the whole of the action has a potential for resulting in either a direct or indirect physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The action described above has been determined by the Lead Agency to not be a Project under CEQA. **No further environmental review is required.**

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check Only One)

Ministerial (§15369)

Statutory (§15260)

Categorical Exemption (§15301, §15302, §15304)

Emergency Project (§15359)

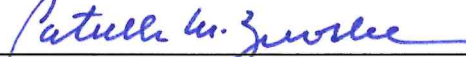
Cite specific CEQA Guideline Sub-Section(s) §15301(a)(c)(d)(e), §15302, §15304(a)

FINDINGS TO SUPPORT DETERMINATION:

This project consists of 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. In terms of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities, the structures or facilities will be located on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity of the structure replaced. For alterations in the condition of land, such work does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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Department/Division Representative (print & sign name)

Date

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.