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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
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**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Breanna Alamilla, Planner  
Planning and Development Department

The project or activity identified below 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: N/A

Case No.: N/A

Location: Countywide

**Project Title:** 2022 Comprehensive Plan Annual Progress Report

**Project Applicant:** N/A

**Project Description:** Government Code Section 65400 requires the Montecito and County Planning Commissions to provide by April 1 of each year an annual report on the Comprehensive Plan to the Board of Supervisors, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, and the California Department of Housing and Community Development. As required in Government Code Section 65400, the County's 2022 Comprehensive Plan Annual Progress Report summarizes (1) the status of the Comprehensive Plan, (2) the county's progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs pursuant to State housing element law; and (3) the degree to which the Comprehensive Plan complies with State guidelines for maintaining such plans, as well as the date of the last revision to the Comprehensive Plan.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Santa Barbara  
**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Planning and Development Department  
Long Range Planning Division

- Exempt Status: (Check one)**
- Ministerial
  - Statutory Exemption
  - Categorical Exemption
  - Emergency Project
  - Declared Emergency
  - Not a project as defined by CEQA

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section(s):** Section 15061(b)(3) – An activity is not subject to CEQA if the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378. Section 15378(b)(5) – Projects do not include organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** The *2022 Comprehensive Plan Annual Progress Report* contains two key components. First, the report summarizes the projects that the Planning and Development Department undertook in 2022 to maintain and implement the Comprehensive Plan. Second, the report provides housing production data, including separate data for Isla Vista and Mission Canyon.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) states that an activity is not subject to CEQA if the activity is not a "project." Section 15378(b)(5) specifies that projects do not include "[o]rganizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment." As discussed above, preparation of this annual progress report is an administrative activity that does not authorize new development or otherwise result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Therefore, the report is not a "project" as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) and is not subject to CEQA per CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3).

Lead Agency Contact Person: Breanna Alamilla, Planner

Phone #: (805) 568-2042

Department/Division Representative: Dan Klemann  
Dan Klemann, Deputy Director

Date: 03.22.23

Date of Final Action on Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff

Date Filed by County Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_



# 2023 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 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>Breanna Alamilla</b>		Phone <b>805-568-2042</b>	
Lead Agency County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development, Long Range Planning		Lead Agency Email alamillab@countyofsb.org	
Project Title <b>2022 Comprehensive Plan Annual Progress Report</b>			
Project Applicant County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development	Email alamillab@countyofsb.org	Phone <b>805-568-2042</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:

- 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

- 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

- Notice of Exemption ..... \$0.00

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

TOTAL: **\$ 50.00**

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

- Cash     Credit Card     Check # \_\_\_\_\_     Journal Entry # 0246349
- (in person only)



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

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LEAD AGENCY County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL alamillab@countyofsb.org	DATE 03/16/2023
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara		DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE

2022 Comprehensive Plan Annual Progress Report

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL alamillab@countyofsb.org	PHONE NUMBER (805) 568-2042
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 123 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:**

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----|-------|
| <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  |
| <br>                                                                                                        |            |    |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee                                                                    |            |    |       |
| <input 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)                   |            |    |       |
| <hr/>                                                                                                       |            |    |       |
| <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                                                                              |            | \$ |       |

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- Cash    
  Credit    
  Check    
  Other

**TOTAL RECEIVED** \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE <b>X</b>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Brianda Negrete, Deputy Clerk
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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