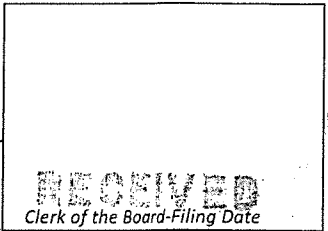




# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Date 07/22/2024  
Case Number  
GS/CEF/2024/22042/002  
Dept/Div/Year/Project#/NOE#



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

Staff Contact: Fernando Orta Division: Captial, Energy and Facilities  
Phone: (415) 416-8013 Fax: Email: forta@countyofsb.org  
Address: 1105 Santa Barbara St., 2nd Floor City: Santa Barbara State: CA Zip: 93101

### PROJECT INFORMATION:

Does this project involve a state/federal agency?  Yes  No

Project Name: SYVAA US Forest Service Building Apparatus Rebuild District: Third Supervisorial District  
Address: 910 Airport Road City/Area: Santa Barbara Zip Code: 93110  
APN: Project #: 21062 NOE #: 001 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 United States Forest Service leases a building from the Santa Ynez Valley Airport Authority (SYVAA) at the Santa Ynez Valley Airport for the Los Padres Forest Santa Ynez Station. This facility is located on County-owned land, and the County of Santa Barbara provides insurance coverage for the facility under the lease agreement with the SYVAA. The building is an approximately 7,400 square-foot commercial structure, divided into two areas with a fire rated separation. The South portion of the structure consists of a 2,800 square-foot office space, and the North portion is a 4,600 square-foot apparatus bay. The apparatus bay is steel framed, with a metal exterior and a metal roof on a concrete foundation. Shortly after 1:00AM on March 3, 2022, the apparatus bay was engulfed in flames that destroyed the apparatus bay. The apparatus bay included a bathroom, kitchen, and locker rooms, which were a complete loss. Insurance requires a like-for-like replacement of the facility. The General Services Department is assisting in the rebuild and restoration of the building.

There are no identified or mapped environmental sensitive areas on the site.

### DETERMINATION: (select category)

#### Scope of Exemption:

- Not a Project (§15378)
- Ministerial Exemption (§15268)
- Statutory Exemption (§15260)
- Categorical Exemption (§15354 [15302-33])
  - CatEx - Existing Facilities (§15300)
  - Emergency Project Exemption (§15359)

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: 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction

### 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 (SYVAA US Forest Service Building Apparatus Rebuild) is within the scope of §15302 Replacement or Reconstruction of an Existing Facility. The project involves construction activities to replace or reconstruct an existing facility as described in the Project Description above consistent with subsection (a,b,c or d) which consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, including but not limited to: (a) Replacement or reconstruction of existing schools and hospitals to provide earthquake resistant structures which do not increase capacity more than 50 percent; (b) Replacement of a commercial structure with a new structure of substantially the same size, purpose, and capacity. (c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity. (d) Conversion of overhead electric utility distribution system facilities to underground including connection to existing overhead electric utility distribution lines where the surface is restored to the condition existing prior to the undergrounding.

Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, §15302

Department/Division  
Representative

Fernando Orta

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Date: 2024.07.22 22:31:23-0700

(print name: Fernando Orta

) Date 7/22/24

### DISTRIBUTION: Clerk of the Board File, Public Notice Board, and Project 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.



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# 2024 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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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>Fernando Orta</b>		Phone <b>(415) 416-8013</b>	
Lead Agency <b>General Services Dept., County of Santa Barbara</b>		Lead Agency Email <b>forta@countyofsb.org</b>	
Project Title <b>SYVAA - US Forest Service Building Apparatus Rebuild</b>			
Project Applicant <b>Fernando Orta</b>	Email <b>forta@countyofsb.org</b>	Phone <b>(415) 416-8013</b>	
Project Applicant Address <b>1105 E. Santa Barbara St. 2nd Floor</b>	City <b>Santa Barbara</b>	State <b>CA</b>	Zip <b>93101</b>

### DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR) .....
  - 2024 Filing Fee .....\$4,051.25
  - Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) ..... \$0.00
  - No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00

Environmental Filing Fees will be collected *only* for projects that are approved. The Applicant must attest to the following:

- This project has been approved. Date of Approval: *Click or tap to enter a date.*

- Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).....
  - 2024 Filing Fee ..... \$2,916.75
  - Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) ..... \$0.00
  - No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00

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- 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
  - Check # \_\_\_\_\_
  - Journal Entry # 0269575
- In person only
- 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

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 42 — 08/23/2024 — 211  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY General Services Dept., County of Santa Barbara	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL forta@countyofsb.org	DATE 08/23/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE

**SYVAA - US Forest Service Building Apparatus Rebuild**

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Fernando Orta	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL forta@countyofsb.org	PHONE NUMBER (415) 416-8013
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1105 E. Santa Barbara St. 2nd Floor	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)  | \$4,051.25 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)                                   | \$2,916.75 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,377.25 | \$ | 0.00 |

- Exempt from fee  
 Notice of Exemption (attach)  
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  
 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  |          | \$ |       |

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- Cash  
  Credit  
  Check  
  Other  
 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X <i>Katherine Douglas</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Katherine Douglas, Deputy Clerk
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