



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Date **08/06/2026**

Case Number

Dept/Div/Year/Project#/NOE#

TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

FROM LEAD AGENCY: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Clerk of the Board-Filing Date

Staff Contact: **Steve Fernandes**

Phone: **(805) 896-2263**

Fax:

Division: **Capital, Energy and Facilities**

Email: **stevef@countyofsb.org**

Address: **912 W, Foster Road**

City: **Santa Maria**

State: **CA**

Zip: **93455**

PROJECT INFORMATION:

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

Project Name: **Santa Barbara Veterans Memorial Building**

District: **First Supervisorial District**

Address: **511 Lakeside Avenue**

City/Area: **Santa Maria**

Zip Code: **93455**

APN:

Project #: **22024**

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)*

This project consists of the upgrade and replacement of the HVAC systems, structural reinforcement of the 2nd floor support beam and building footings, window rehabilitation, and ADA renovation of an existing restroom for the Santa Barbara Veterans Memorial Building, a registered historic landmark structure built in 1927.

DETERMINATION: *(select category)*

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

Scope of Exemption:

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)*

Department/Division
Representative

(print name: **Steve Fernandes**)

DocuSigned by:

Steve Fernandes

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Date **8/6/26**

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



2024 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 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 Steve Fernandes	Phone 805-896-2263		
Lead Agency General Services Department (County of Santa Barbara)	Lead Agency Email countyarchitect@countyofsb.org		
Project Title Santa Barbara Veterans Memorial Building			
Project Applicant Steve Fernandes	Email stevef@countyofsb.org	Phone 805-896-2263	
Project Applicant Address 912 W Foster Road	City Santa Maria	State CA	Zip 93455

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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- ☐ 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 ☐ Check # _____ ☒ Journal Entry # **JE-1090901**
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

Print

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Save

RECEIPT NUMBER:

42 — 07/10/2026 — 00

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY

General Services Department (County of Santa Barbara)

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

countyartiect@countyofsb.org

DATE

07/10/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

Santa Barbara

DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE

Santa Barbara Veterans Memorial Building

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

Steve Fernandes

PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL

stevef@countyofsb.org

PHONE NUMBER

(805) 896-2263

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

912 W Foster Road

CITY

Santa Maria

STATE

CA

ZIP CODE

93455

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,051.25 \$ _____
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,916.75 \$ _____
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,377.25 \$ _____

☒ Exempt from fee
☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)
☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ _____
☐ County documentary handling fee \$ _____
☐ Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 0.00

SIGNATURE — DocuSigned by:

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Steve Fernandes

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AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Steve Fernandse- Project Manager



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
**2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT**

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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

Certificate Of Completion

Envelope Id: D2F63B1A-7A19-87B4-8000-9D18070C89DE		Status: Completed
Subject: Complete with Docusign: Notice of Exemption 22024.pdf		
Source Envelope:		
Document Pages: 4	Signatures: 2	Envelope Originator:
Certificate Pages: 1	Initials: 0	Steve Fernandes
AutoNav: Disabled		105 East Anapamu Street
Envelopeld Stamping: Disabled		Santa Barbara, CA 93101
Time Zone: (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)		stevef@countyofsb.org
		IP Address: 161.213.140.56

Record Tracking

Status: Original	Holder: Steve Fernandes	Location: DocuSign
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Signer Events

Steve Fernandes
stevef@countyofsb.org
County of Santa Barbara
Security Level: Email, Account Authentication (None)

Signature

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Freeform Signing

Electronic Record and Signature Disclosure:
Not Offered via Docusign

In Person Signer Events	Signature	Timestamp
Editor Delivery Events	Status	Timestamp
Agent Delivery Events	Status	Timestamp
Intermediary Delivery Events	Status	Timestamp
Certified Delivery Events	Status	Timestamp
Carbon Copy Events	Status	Timestamp
Witness Events	Signature	Timestamp
Notary Events	Signature	Timestamp
Envelope Summary Events	Status	Timestamps
Envelope Sent	Hashed/Encrypted	8/6/2026 12:36:52 PM
Certified Delivered	Security Checked	8/6/2026 12:36:58 PM
Signing Complete	Security Checked	8/6/2026 12:38:33 PM
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