



2024 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Contact Person		Phone	
Lead Agency		Lead Agency Email	
Project Title			
Project Applicant	Email	Phone	
Project Applicant Address	City	State	Zip

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

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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): 033-101-013

Case No. GSD- 06132024-22024-0001

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

LOCATION(city/unincorporated area/NA): Santa Barbara, CA

PROJECT TITLE: Santa Barbara Veterans Memorial Building Seismic and HVAC Upgrades Project

PROJECT DESCRIPTION (attach continuation page, if necessary):

The Santa Barbara Veterans Memorial Building was constructed in 1927 and is a City Landmark and is on the National Register of Historic structures. The site is approximately 0.48 acres and the APN is 033-101-013. It is located on Santa Barbara's premier waterfront and is heavily utilized by veterans, non-profit groups and community members alike. Historically Veterans Memorial Buildings were built throughout the 1920s and 1930s, in dedication to those who fought in World War One.

The Santa Barbara Veterans Memorial Building utilizes three main areas, the Santa Barbara Room which seats 240, the Cabrillo Room which seats 75 and the Ocean Room which seats 75.

The facility has been under County ownership for many decades and is under daily management by the County's CSD, Parks Division. The HVAC systems located within the facility are reaching, or are beyond, their useful life and require upgrade or complete replacement. Currently, the main ballroom does not have air conditioning, which limits the possible programming of the space. Due to the age and configuration of the facility, the project will require a structural assessment specific to the HVAC system replacement to ensure that all improvements can be supported and meet applicable seismic and structural codes.

The project focuses on three areas: mechanical, electrical and structural/seismic upgrades.

Mechanical Improvements: The project will require the procurement of professional services from a mechanical, electrical and plumbing firm for the design of a new HVAC system(s) and/or retrofit of an existing HVAC system(s). These systems will be servicing the main ballroom (The Santa Barbara Room) on the first floor, the Cabrillo Room on the first floor, and the Coastal Room on the

second floor. Once the design is complete, the required electrical and seismic analysis can be completed to compliment the required HVAC design. The data provided will outline all required tasks to upgrade the building systems.

Electrical Upgrades: The subject site's existing electrical system will need to be analyzed to determine if the existing system is sufficient and safe to handle the proposed new HVAC systems. If the electrical system is not sufficient, a new electrical system, or required upgrades, must be proposed to meet the needs of the new systems.

Structural Analysis: In order to support the new HVAC systems, a structural and seismic analysis must be completed. Additionally, a previous structural alteration to the Coastal Room was completed and two of the original structural columns were removed. This alteration will need to be analyzed for structural and seismic stability. The structural analysis and design will need to be done to applicable design standards and specifications and in accordance with the SOIS.

Environmental & NEPA/ CEQA Analysis: Evaluate the site for potential environmental impacts based on previous and current use. Presentation of potential environmental condition issues should be included in the assessment report. NEPA/CEQA and other environmental regulations that may be associated with the site both in its current state and through potential re-use or future modifications of the site should be part of this effort.

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 (§15354)
 - Emergency Project (§15359)
- Cite specific CEQA Guideline Sub-Section(s) (§§15301(a))

FINDINGS TO SUPPORT DETERMINATION: (attach additional material, if necessary):

The Santa Barbara Veterans Memorial Building involves only feasibility or planning for possible future actions which the General Services, County Executive Office of Board of Supervisors has not approved, adopted or funded; and the project does not require the preparation of an environmental document, but does require consideration of environmental factors.

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Department/Division Representative (print & sign name)

Date