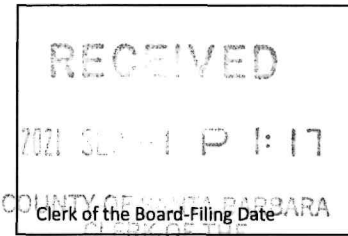


# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**

**FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, LEAD AGENCY**



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-080221-19012-0001**  
(current date, project# and NOE number for this project)

**LOCATION(city/unincorporated area/NA): Calle Real Campus, Santa Barbara**

**PROJECT TITLE: Calle Real Water Loop Project - Design**

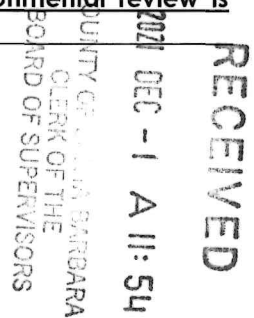
**PROJECT DESCRIPTION :** This proposed project includes full design services, cost estimating services and construction administration services for the new Calle Real Campus Main Water Loop System that serves the Calle Real Campus on the border of the City of Santa Barbara and the City of Goleta. The project is in the beginning stages of design. Further investigation (soils, environmental, archeological) will be required to understand the environmental impacts and requirements for the future construction project.

### **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(c)



### **FINDINGS TO SUPPORT DETERMINATION:**

This project consists of investigative, design considerations, design services and construction administration services for the new Calle Real Campus Main Water Loop System. These services consist of replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or structures 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.

The exceptions to the Existing Facilities categorical exemption that must be considered pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines are:

**(a) Location. Classes 3,4,5,6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply in all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and official adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.**

Section 15302 is a Class 2 Categorical Exemption; therefore, this exception is not applicable.

**(b)Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.**

There are no successive projects of the same type in the same place anticipated for this location. There is no cumulative impact and, therefore this exception does not apply.

**(c)Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.**

The proposed design of the water loop and subsequent construction administration will not result in any physical changes or impacts to the environment and therefore will not result in a significant effect on the environment.

**(d)Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.**

There are no state scenic highways in the project area. This exception does not apply.

**(e)Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.**

This proposed project is not located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. Therefore, it is not located on a hazardous waste site and this exception does not apply.

**(f)Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.**

The proposed project does not involve historical resources. This exception does not apply.

As described above, none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions contained within Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines apply to this project.

**DISTRIBUTION:** File, Clerk of the Board

Patrick Zuroske, Assistant Director General Services  
Department/Division Representative (print & sign name)

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**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.