

**ATTACHMENT C**

**Notice of Exemption**

**Orcutt Library Design**

**County Project No. 20056**



# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Date 12/02/2025

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: Ashton Ellis

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Division: Capital, Energy and Facilities

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Address: 260 N. San Antonio Road

City: Santa Barbara

State: CA

Zip: 93117

## PROJECT INFORMATION:

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

Project Name: Orcutt Library Design Project

District: Fourth Supervisorial District

Address: Clark Ave. and Foxenwood Ln.

City/Area: Unincorporated Area

Zip Code: 93455

APN: 105-020-060 to 064 Project #: 20056

NOE #: 002 Funding/POPPA: 0030/063/1930/8200

Project Description: (Section §15124 of the CEQA Guidelines defines the types of information that should be included in a project description)

Professional architectural and engineering services for a new Orcutt Library, new construction, located on APNs: 105-020-060 through 064.

## 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:

Statutory Exemptions are projects specifically excluded from CEQA consideration as defined by the State Legislature. These exemptions are delineated in PRC § 21080 et seq. A statutory exemption applies to any given project that falls under its definition, regardless of the project's potential impacts to the environment. However, it is important to note that any CEQA exemption applies only to CEQA and not, of course, to any other state, local or federal laws that may be applicable to a proposed project.

Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14 §15260 PRC §21083

PRIMARY reason for the Determination: §15262-Feasibility and Planning Studies

## FINDING TO SUPPORT DETERMINATION: (attach additional material, only if necessary)

There is only one Statutory Exemption available to General Services projects, §15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies. The Orcutt Library Design Project involves only feasibility or planning for possible future actions which the General Services, County Executive Office or 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. Statutory Exemptions do not apply to the adoption of a plan that will have a legally binding effect on later activities.

Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, §15262

Department/Division  
Representative

Ashton K. Ellis  
(print name: Ashton Ellis)

) Date 12/4/25

## 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 <b>Ashton Ellis</b>	Phone <b>916-718-6922</b>		
Lead Agency <b>General Services Department (County of Santa Barbara)</b>	Lead Agency Email <b>countyarchitect@countyofsb.org</b>		
Project Title <b>Orcutt Library Design Project</b>			
Project Applicant <b>Ashton Ellis</b>	Email <b>aellis@countyofsb.org</b>	Phone <b>916-718-6922</b>	
Project Applicant Address <b>260 N. San Antonio Road</b>	City <b>Santa Barbara</b>	State <b>CA</b>	Zip <b>93117</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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- ☐ Notice of Exemption.....\$0.00

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

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- ☐ Cash      ☐ Credit      ☐ Check # \_\_\_\_\_      ☒ Journal Entry # JE-1071790  
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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RECEIPT NUMBER:

42 — 12/16/2025 — 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

aellis@countyofsb.org

DATE

12/16/2025

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

Select County/State Agency

DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE

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PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

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**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

X Ashton K. Ellis

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Ashton Ellis, Project Manager, County of Santa Barbara