

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Department, Support Division

The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN(s): N/A Case No.: 8765

Location: Santa Maria, Fourth Supervisorial District

Project Title: Santa Maria Juvenile Hall Second Tier Fall Protection

Project Description: This proposed project consists of installing second tier fall protection barriers in three units at the existing Juvenile Hall. Installation of the fall protection may require modifications to the fire sprinklers, HVAC, and to the ceiling.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [§15061(b,3)]

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15301(a) Existing Facilities. Class I consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Examples include but are not limited to: (a) Interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances.

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary): This project consists of repair and replacement of existing facilities involving negligible expansion beyond that previously existing.

The exceptions to the categorical exemptions 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 all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.**

CEQA Guidelines §15301 is a Class I exemption. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (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.**

The Second Tier Fall Protection project is the only project of its type planned for the Santa Maria Juvenile Hall. There is no possibility of a cumulative impact. 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.**

Second Tier Fall Protection Barriers will be installed in the existing Juvenile Hall. The Second Tier Fall Protection project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and the Second Tier Fall Protection project has no features which distinguish it from others in the exempt class and might establish an unusual circumstance. This exception does not apply.

- (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.**

The Second Tier Fall Protection project will not be visible from any Scenic Highway, and will not otherwise impact any scenic resources such as trees, rock outcroppings, or historic buildings. 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.**

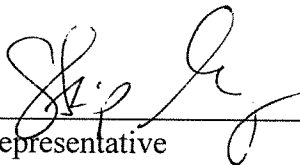
The site has not been designated a hazardous waste site. This exception does not apply.

- (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.**

Construction of the Second Tier Fall Protection project will not cause an adverse change to the significance of any historical resources. This exception does not apply.

General Services

Department/Division Representative



10/14/16

Date

Note: Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

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