



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Dept/Div/Year/Project#/NOE#

TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
FROM LEAD AGENCY: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Clerk of the Board-Filing Date

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PROJECT INFORMATION:

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

Project Name: BWell Tecolote House (Casa Omega) Renovation 21053

District: Please select from list...

Address: 310 Camino Del Remedio

City/Area: Santa Barbara

Zip Code: 93110

APN: 059-140-029

Project #: 21053

NOE #: 002 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)

The purpose of this project is to develop a facility known as the Tecolote House for use as a Board and Care facility for people requiring residential behavioral health support. The facility may house some residents for up to 18 months as they move through the continuum of care. The previous use of the facility was a residential care facility for disabled adults managed by a non-County agency. The facility was developed approximately 50 years ago for this purpose.

The site is located on the County's Calle Real Campus in an unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County, and once the improvements are complete the facility will be operated through the BWell system. The Tecolote House site also provides convenient access to various services supporting clients as they transition through Behavioral Wellness treatment. The fifty plus year old facility is a stucco and wood-framed structure with a composition shingle roof. The previous site managers conducted several additions and improvements over the years that have expanded the size and capabilities of the structure, including a small bedroom addition and updates to facility mechanical systems. The project will consist of the modernization of the existing facility to meet current building, fire code, accessibility and program needs.

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: 15301(a) Existing Facilities--Exterior or Interior Modifications

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

Based upon the project description above, the General Services Department (as Lead Agency) has determined the project (BWell Tecolote House (Casa Omega) Renovation 21053) is within the scope of §15301 exemptions which consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use under subsection (a) interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances.

Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, §15301(a)

Department/Division
Representative

(print name:)

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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

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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.

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Lead Agency General Services Department (County of Santa Barbara)		Lead Agency Email countyarchitect@countyofsb.org	
Project Title BWell Tecolote House (Casa Omega) Renovation 21053			
Project Applicant Lou Gibilisco	Email lgibilisco@countyofsb.org	Phone 805 431-2679	
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-0280537**
- In person only In FIN send to 'COB CEQA' in CEO Dept



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
**2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT**

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

Print

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RECEIPT NUMBER:

42 — 06/04/2025 — 101

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY

County of SB General Services Department

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DATE

06/04/2025

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

Santa Barbara

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:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,123.50	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,968.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,401.75	\$	0.00

☒ 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 \$ 0.00

☒ County documentary handling fee \$ 50.00

☐ Other \$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☒ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE

X Katherine Douglas

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Katherine Douglas, Deputy Clerk