



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & BUILDING

General Rule Exemption

Project Title and No.: Cayucos State Beach Clean-up (ED24-170)

Project Location and APN:

Cayucos State Beach -North and south of where Cayucos Drive dead ends at Cayucos State Beach (APN: 064-101-001, 064-115-011, and 064-116-007).

Project Applicant/Phone No./Email: The County of San Luis Obispo, Department Parks and Recreation, 805/781-4089, ekavanaugh@co.slo.ca.us

Applicant Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

1144 Monterey St. San Luis Obispo, CA. 93408

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Department of Parks and Recreation proposes the annual clean-up of debris by mechanical means if necessary, for a period of 5 years and the removal of wood and debris up to 3 times a year, if it threatens the accessibility, safety or the recreation features of Cayucos State Beach. Clean up efforts may be inside the beach wrack zone. These efforts are part of general maintenance of Cayucos State Beach. If mechanical means are used, operators will be required to not disturb natural wrack materials. Large logs may be transported five miles south to Toro Creek Beach to be used for bluff stabilization pursuant to the future Morro Bay to Cayucos Connector Trail (CDP 3-24-0020).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of San Luis Obispo

Exempt Status/Findings: This project is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this project may have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, the activity is not subject to CEQA. [Reference: State CEQA Guidelines sec. 15061(b)(3), General Rule Exemption].

Reasons why project is exempt: The Cayucos State Beach Clean-up will allow for annual maintenance of the Cayucos State Beach for a period of 5-years, to include the removal of debris within the wrack zone by hand when feasible and by mechanical means (such as a small tractor or mini excavator) when removal by hand is not feasible. If mechanical equipment is used, operators will be required to not disturb natural wrack materials, other than driftwood. The timing of the annual clean-up will be dependent on the storm activity each year and when the clean-up is needed. In addition, removal of wood and debris up to 3 times a year could occur, if it threatens the accessibility, safety or the recreation features of Cayucos State Beach.

As viable, the large logs will be transported five miles south to Toro Creek Beach (Morro Bay Dog Beach) to be used for stabilization of the bluffs in this area and along the future Morro Bay to Cayucos Connector Trail as part of CDP 3-24-0020. Activities associated with placement of the logs will follow and comply with the Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Program required pursuant to CDP 3-24-0020. If re-purposing such logs is not viable, the logs will be placed in a roll over container on the paved surface parking lot on Ocean Front Ave. Once the container is filled, the material will be removed and deposited at a local landfill or composting facility. The project will include best practice measures to protect public access and recreation, water quality and habitat avoidance through implementation of the following requirements each year the clean-up is conducted:

- Conducting work on weekdays and non-holidays,
- Posting an on-site public notice of the work to be completed, a minimum of 3 days before start date,
- Maintaining a 25-foot buffer between the ocean, Cayucos Creek, Little Cayucos Creek, and any mechanical equipment used,
- Conducting pre-activity surveys by a Planning Dept. approved biologist. Any required avoidance measures will be determined by the biologist.
- If mechanized equipment is used, a spill kit must be available in case of an oil or fuel spill.
- Reviewing each cleanup for lessons learned and implement related best practice measures.

Additional Information: Additional information pertaining to this notice of general rule exemption may be found on the next page of this document and by contacting the Planning and Building Department, 976 Osos St., Rm 200, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408 (805) 781-5600.

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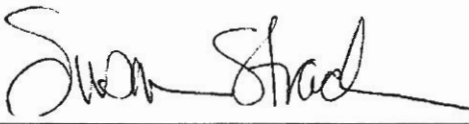
Pursuant to section 15061 of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the preliminary review of a project includes a determination as to whether a project is exempt from CEQA. This checklist represents a summary of this project's review for exemption.

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1. Does this project fall within any exempt class as listed in sections 15301 through 15333 of the State CEQA Guidelines?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Is there a reasonable possibility that the project could have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Is the project inconsistent with any Federal, State, or local law or administrative requirement relating to the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the project involve substantial public controversy regarding environmental issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of achieving long-term environmental goals? (A short-term impact on the environment is one which occurs in a relatively brief, definitive period of time while long-term impacts will endure well into the future.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Does the project have adverse impacts which are individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant? Cumulatively significant means that the incremental effects of an individual project are substantially adverse when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

On the basis of this initial evaluation, I find that the proposed project does not have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from CEQA.

Lead Agency Contact Person

Telephone

Signature: 

Date: November 15, 2024

<p>If filed by applicant:</p> <p>1. Attach certified document of exemption finding</p> <p>2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

On November 15, 2024, the project was approved by:

- Board of Supervisors Subdivision Review Board Chief Building Official
- Planning Commission Planning Dept Hearing Officer Other - Planning Dept. Staff