

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**FROM:** Daisey Miranda, Community Development Department

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 Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

**APN:** 117-030-076

**Project No.:** SP2024-0012

**Location:** Preisker Park parking lot at 330 Hidden Pines Way. The project site is within a city-owned park that is 38.93-acres in size.

**Project Title:** Preisker Park Parking Lot Rehabilitation

**Project Applicant:** David Beas, City of Santa Maria Public Works Department

**Project Description:** Review of a Special Project (SP2024-0012) for the City of Santa Maria Public Works Department to remove and replace the existing asphalt within the boundaries of the existing parking lot and include ADA improvements at Preisker Park located at 330 Hidden Pines Way.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Santa Maria

**Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project:** David Beas, City of Santa Maria Public Works Department

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

**Cite specific CEQA or CEQA Guidelines Section:** This is a Class 1 (Existing Facilities) categorical exemption based on Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** The project is for the removal and replacement of an existing asphalt parking lot and ADA improvements with no expansion of its existing use. The proposed project does not involve unusual circumstances, including future activities, resulting in or which might reasonably result in significant impacts which threaten the environment. No further environmental review is required.

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.**

The project is utilizing a Class 1 exemption. Therefore, this exception does not apply to the project.

**(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.**

This is a single proposal with no associated future phases. No cumulative impacts would be generated.

**(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.**

No unusual circumstances are present and no significant environmental effects are anticipated.

**(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.**

No scenic resources or official designated scenic highways exist on or near the site, therefore no such resources would be impacted by the project.

**(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 project site is not included on any Gov. Code Section 65962.5 listing.

**(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.**

No historical resources are located at the project site.

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**Acceptance Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Filed by County Clerk:** \_\_\_\_\_