

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Mail Stop: A-33
ARCC-Recorder
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FROM: Mail Stop: 029
County of San Diego,
Department of General Services
Attn: Melanie Tylke
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 410
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SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name: East Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility Retro Commissioning

Project Location: 446 Alta Rd #6100, San Diego, California 92158

Project Applicant: County of San Diego Department of General Services
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: Facility assessment of equipment to provide direction on repairs and upgrades required to increase efficiency and reduce energy consumption. Project will also include implementation of recommendations from the assessment involving repairs, upgrades and re-commissioning of the various systems included in the assessment.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

Date Form Completed: 08/07/2025

County Contact Person: Melanie Tylke

Telephone: (619) 616-9326

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Director of Department of General Services has approved the above-described project on August 7, 2025 and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]

Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]

Statutory Exemption. C Section: 15252

Categorical Exemption. G Section(s): 15301

G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan


Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.

G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt:

The EMJDF Retro Commissioning project facility assessment component is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15252, Feasibility and Planning Studies, as it involves a study of feasible improvements to the an existing facility. Additionally, any implementation actions would be limited to interior improvements to mechanical, electrical, plumbing systems that would not involve the expansion of use of the existing public facility, therefore is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 Existing Facilities. Additionally, the project will not impact environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern that are designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted by government agencies; does not contribute to cumulative environmental impact; will not have a significant impact on the environment due to unusual circumstances; does not damage scenic resources within a designated state scenic highway; is not on the list of Hazardous Waste and Substance Sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; and does not cause adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature:  Telephone: 619-616-9326

Name (Print): Melanie Tylke Title: Environmental Project Manager

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.