NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
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☒ County Assessor/Recorder/Clerk
Attn: Fish and Wildlife Notices
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260, MS A-33
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works
Environmental Services Unit
Attn: Annisa Busch
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, MS O-332
San Diego, CA 92123

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name: Vista Community Clinic Fallbrook Clinic Renovations

Project Location: 321 E. Alvarado Street, Fallbrook, CA 92028

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Housing Community Development Services
3989 Ruffin Road, MS-0231, San Diego, CA 92123-1152

Project Description: The proposed project will use funds to renovate the Vista Community Clinic (VCC) - Fallbrook Pediatrics and Family Medicine clinic. The project will improve the clinic's infrastructure with interior modifications. The renovations include the addition of a sixth exam room. The addition of the sixth exam room will allow VCC to add a secondary primary care clinician onsite which will expand the number of patients served. Other improvements to be completed with the renovation include reconfiguration the current waiting room and reception area, buildout of a new lab area, buildout of a new medical assistant stations, adding a small break room, making restrooms ADA compliant, reworking the current office to accommodate for two physicians and adding handwashing sink and cabinets to some of the existing exam rooms.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Kelly Salmons Telephone: 858-694-4806

Date Form Completed: September 23, 2025

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (County decision-making body) has approved the above-described project on March 11, 2025 (#8) and found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

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

☒ **Categorical Exemption**: Sec. G 15301 - Existing Facilities
☐ **Declared Emergency:** Sec. C 21080(b)(3); Sec. G 15269(a)
☐ **Emergency Project:** Sec. C 21080(b)(4); Sec. G 15269(b)(c)
☐ **General**: Sec. C.
☐ **Ministerial**: Sec. C 21080(b)(1); G 15268
☐ **Preliminary Review**: Sec. G
☐ **Statutory Exemption**: Sec. G

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines exempts from CEQA review actions consisting of "...minor alteration of existing public or private structures...involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use". The project consists of minor rehabilitation to the Vista Community Clinic. These improvements consist of interior modifications that will reconfigure interior space to allow for a second physician. As such, the project will result in minor alterations to existing public structure with no expansion of the existing use, and accordingly, is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

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

Signature: _____ Telephone: (858) 694-8750

Name (Print): David Estrella Title: Director

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 nine months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.