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PROJECT TITLE

TIDWELL VARIANCE / N-DRC2025-00028 / ED25-0182

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
TROY TIDWELL	djh1132@gmail.com	(805) 975-3071

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
6500 ROCKY CANYON RD.	ATASCADERO	CA	93422

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☐ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☒ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$4,123.50	$
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$2,968.75	$
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,401.75	$
☒ Exempt from fee		
☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)		
☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)		
☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)		
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COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & BUILDING

Notice of Exemption/General Rule Exemption

Project Title and No.: Tidwell Variance / N-DRC2025-00028 / ED25-0182

Project Location and APN:	**Project Applicant/Phone/Email:**
6500 Rocky Canyon Road Atascadero, CA 93422 APN: 034-551-019	Troy Tidwell, (805) 975-3071, djh1132@gmail.com **Applicant Address (Street, City, State, Zip):** 6500 Rocky Canyon Rd. Atascadero, CA 93422

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

A request by Troy Tidwell for a Variance to allow major grading (GRAD2024-00179) on slopes in excess of 30 percent (58.7 percent maximum) for the purpose of site improvements (retaining walls) for the existing homestead. The project proposes zero cubic yards of cut, 2,036 cubic yards of fill, and 19,571 square feet of total site disturbance for two retaining walls totaling approximately 553 linear feet. The project is located at 6500 Rocky Canyon Road via Old Adobe Canyon Road (private driveway) approximately 1,250 feet east of the city limits of Atascadero. The 32-acre parcel is designated Agriculture (AG) and is within the El Pomar-Estrella Sub-area of the North County Planning Area.

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

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial {Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268}
- ☐ Declared Emergency {Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)}
- ☐ Emergency Project {Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)}
- ☐ Categorical Exemption {Sec.____}
- ☐ Statutory Exemption {Sec.____}
- ☒ General Rule Exemption {Sec. 15061(b)(3)}
- ☐ Not a Project _____

Reasons why project is exempt: 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].

To supplement this exemption, the applicant submitted a Biological Resources Assessment (BRA) that analyzed the project site for sensitive and protected biological resources. The biologist concluded that the project would occur on previous disturbed ruderal/developed and non-native grassland habitats with a high level of human activity. No special-status plant or wildlife species or sensitive habitat were observed within or near the proposed project area. A preconstruction survey for nesting birds was recommended if vegetation is proposed for removal during the nesting bird season; this was included as a condition of approval (Exhibit B). An arborist report was submitted with the grading permit application which concluded that no native or protected trees are slated for removal. Work will not occur within or near the existing onsite oak woodland. Finally, a cultural resources field survey was conducted in March 2025 and concluded no prehistoric materials or historic cultural resources within the proposed project area. Recommendations were made in the event human remains are uncovered during the course of the project; these were incorporated into the conditions of approval (Exhibit B).

Notice of General Rule Exemption

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.

		YES	NO
1.	Does this project fall within any exempt class as listed in sections 15301 through 15333 of the State CEQA Guidelines?	☐	☒
2.	Is there a reasonable possibility that the project could have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances?	☐	☒
3.	Is the project inconsistent with any Federal, State, or local law or administrative requirement relating to the environment?	☐	☒
4.	Will the project involve substantial public controversy regarding environmental issues?	☐	☒
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?	☐	☒
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.)	☐	☒
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.	☐	☒
8.	Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	☐	☒

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

Eric Tolle (etolle@co.slo.ca.us) (805) 781-2148

Lead Agency Contact Person **Telephone**

Signature: Date: 09/23/2025

If filed by applicant:
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding
2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes ☐ No ☐

On October 23, 2025, the project was approved by:

☐ Board of Supervisors ☐ Subdivision Review Board ☐ Chief Building Official
☒ Planning Commission ☐ Planning Dept Hearing Officer ☐ Other_____