



HUGH NGUYEN
CLERK - RECORDER

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January 8, 2026

CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH
505 FOREST AVE
LAGUNA BEACH, CA 92651

Office of the ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER
Memorandum

SUBJECT: EIR NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

The attached notice was received, filed and a copy was posted on 1/8/2026

It remained posted for 30 (thirty) days.

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In and for the County of ORANGE

By: 135 - Deputy

Public Resource Code 21092.3

The notice required pursuant to Sections 21080.4 and 21092 for an environmental impact report shall be posted in the office of the County Clerk of each county *** in which the project will be located and shall remain posted for a period of 30 days. The notice required pursuant to Section 21092 for a negative declaration shall be so posted for a period of 20 days, unless otherwise required by law to be posted for 30 days. The County Clerk shall post notices within 24 hours of receipt.

Public Resource Code 21152

All notices filed pursuant to this section shall be available for public inspection, and shall be posted ***** within 24 hours of receipt** in the office of the County Clerk. Each notice shall remain posted for a period of 30 days. *** Thereafter, the clerk shall return the notice to the local lead agency *** within a notation of the period it was posted. The local lead agency shall retain the notice for not less than nine months.

Additions or changes by underline; deletions by ***

NORTH COUNTY BRANCH OFFICE
WELLS FARGO BUILDING
222 S. HARBOR BLVD., STE 110
ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA 92805

ORANGE COUNTY
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIONSOUTH
601 N. ROSS STREET
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701

OLD ORANGE COUNTY
COURTHOUSE
211 W. SANTA ANA BLVD, ROOM 201
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701

SOUTH COUNTY BRANCH OFFICE
LAGUNA HILLS CIVIC CENTER
24031 EL TORO ROAD, SUITE 150
LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA 92653



ORANGE COUNTY
CLERK-RECORDER
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

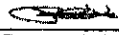
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January 8, 2026

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By 
Deputy clerk

THIS SPACE FOR CLERK'S USE ONLY

Complete and attach this form to each CEQA Notice filed with the County Clerk-Recorder

TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

CDP 24-2588, DR 24-2586 KYOTO HOUSE

Check Document being Filed:

- ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
☒ Notice of Exemption (NOE)
☐ Other (Please fill in type):

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE ORANGE
COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER ON 01/08/2026
Posted 01/08/2026 Removed _____
Returned to agency on _____
DEPUTY 135

Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office. For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.5.



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

From: Community Development – Planning Division
505 Forest Avenue Laguna Beach, California 92651

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JAN 08 2026

HUGH NGUYEN, CLERK-RECORDER

BY: DEPUTY

(above for use by County Clerk-Recorder's Office only)

1. **APPLICANT:** David Dyrnaes, 668 North Coast Highway, 949-735-3283 *Laguna Beach, CA 92651*
2. **LEAD AGENCY:** City of Laguna Beach, 505 Forest Ave. Laguna Beach, CA, 92651
3. **PROJECT PLANNER:** Daniel Latham, Associate Planner, 949-464-6612
4. **PROJECT TITLE:** CDP 24-2588, DR 24-2586, Kyoto House
5. **PROJECT LOCATION:** 1550 Bluebird Canyon Road, Laguna Beach, CA, 92651 (APN: 644-321-35)].
6. **DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:**

Construct a new single-family dwelling and garage, vehicular access, elevated decks, spa, grading, retaining walls, and landscaping on a vacant lot in the R-1 (residential Low Density) Zoning District.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

Based on its review of the entire record before it, the City Council hereby finds and determines that the project for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") consists of the Project, as defined above, and an accessory dwelling unit as reflected in plan sheets submitted to the City on September 24, 2025 by the Applicant. The project is categorically exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, which exempts construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, such as one single-family residence, or a second dwelling unit in a residential zone or up to three single-family residences in an urbanized area. Here, the project fits within this exemption because it proposes a new single-family dwelling and related site improvements including grading, spa, landscape, hardscape, and retaining walls, and an accessory dwelling unit on an existing legal building site. The Property is located within a developed neighborhood with all facilities provided and access existing to the parcel.

Further, none of the exceptions outlined in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply. The project site does not contain any environmentally sensitive areas. There will be no cumulative impact resulting from successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time. The project site does not contain any environmentally sensitive areas in that the site is surrounded on all sides by public streets and developed residential and institutional properties, and the City's environmentally sensitive areas maps do not identify any such areas on-site or within the immediate project vicinity. There are no unusual circumstances resulting in a significant impact on the environment. There will be no damage to scenic resources, including trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. The project is not located on a hazardous waste site or any other site included on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5. The project will not result in significant adverse impacts to historical resources as defined by CEQA. Consequently, additional environmental analysis is not necessary to meet the requirements of the CEQA.

Therefore, the City Council has determined that further environmental evaluation is not required because:

- ☐ The project is not subject to CEQA because it "does not involve the exercise of discretionary power," or "will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment," or, "is not a project as defined in Section 15378 of the CEQA guidelines." (Sections 15060(c)(1), (2) & (3)); or,
- ☐ "The activity is covered by the commonsense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA" (Section 15061(b)(3)); or,
- ☐ The project is statutorily exempt, Section _____, <name> (Sections 15260-15277); or,
- ☒ The project is categorically exempt per State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15303 (Class 3 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures).

7. If filed by applicant: Attach Certificate of Determination (Form "A") before filing.

8. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving this project?



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

Print

SIGNATURE

Save

RECEIPT NUMBER:

30-01/08/2026-0002

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH		01/08/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING		DOCUMENT NUMBER
ORANGE COUNTY		202685000014
PROJECT TITLE		

CDP 24-2588, DR 24-2586 KYOTO HOUSE

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
DAVID DYRNAES		(949) 735-3283
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE
668 NORTH COAST HIGHWAY	LAGUNA BEACH	CA
		ZIP CODE
		92651

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)☐ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☒ Private Entity**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$ 4,227.50	\$	
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$ 3,043.75	\$	
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$ 1,437.25	\$	

☒ Exempt from fee☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$ 850.00	\$	
☒ County documentary handling fee	\$ 50.00	\$	50.00
☐ Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other 6480**TOTAL RECEIVED** \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE

X

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Roberto Uriostegui Deputy Clerk

Orange County
Clerk-Recorder
Hugh Nguyen
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701
(714) 834-2500

Receipt No.: RPT20260000005972

Finalization No.: 20260000005923

Cashier: 135

Register: SOUTHCOUNTY1A

Date/Time: 01/08/2026 09:50 AM

Item	Title	Count
1	Z01	1

EIR: Exempt or Previously Paid

Document ID	Amount
Doc# 202685000014	\$50.00

Time Recorded 09:50 AM

Total Amount Due: \$50.00

Total Paid

Check Tendered: \$50.00

#6480

Amount Due: \$0.00

THANK YOU
PLEASE RETAIN THIS RECEIPT

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