

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: San Benito

1601 Luna Way, Hollister CA, 95023-2513

From: (Public Agency): City of San Juan Bautista Community Development Department

311 Second Street, San Juan Bautista CA, 95045

(Address)

Project Title: General Plan Amendment for the 2023–2031 Housing Element 6th Cycle Update

Project Applicant: City of San Juan Bautista

Project Location - Specific:

Citywide

Project Location - City: City of San Juan Bautista Project Location - County: N/A

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project is the County of San Benito Housing Element 2023 – 2031, which represents the County's policy program for the 2023-2031 6th Cycle Planning Period. The Project involves adoption of the Housing Element Update, amending the General Plan to update the Housing Element for the current cycle, and certification of the CEQA document (i.e., Notice of Exemption).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of San Juan Bautista

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of San Juan Bautista

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ 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. State type and section number: §15061(b)(3), §15332, §15283
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Adoption of the 2023–2031 Housing Element is a policy-level, State-mandated General Plan element update and does not authorize physical development. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the adoption action itself will have a significant effect on the environment (CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3)). The action also implements the City's Regional Housing Needs Allocation and is statutorily exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15283. The Housing Element relies on environmental analysis previously completed for the City 2035 General Plan Update FEIR (certified February 16, 2016, Resolution 2016-10). Lastly, this update is eligible for CEQA Guidelines §15332 (Class 32, In-Fill Development Projects), which provides an exemption for any projects characterized by in-fill development.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Arielle Goodspeed Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (831) 529-5706

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

Signature: Arielle Goodspeed Date: 01/23/2026 Title: Planning Manager

■ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____