

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Mail Stop: 0-360
County of San Diego,
General Services
Attn: Marcus Lubich
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San Diego, CA 92123

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

Project Name: Vista Detention Facility Infrastructure & Facility Upgrade

Project Locations: 325 South Melrose Drive, Vista, CA 92081 (APN: 166-150-95-00; 166-150-41-00)

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

Project Description: This project consists of renovating the VDF intercom system, CCTV system, providing anti-ligature improvements to existing conditions, incorporating a complete security backbone system with the main control of cameras, cell doors, lighting, access control, elevators, and water on/off capabilities, and related improvements.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

Date Form Completed: December 4, 2025

County Contact Person: Marcus Lubich

Telephone: 619-874-0708

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors has approved the above-described project on January 13, 2026 (2), 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:
- Categorical Exemption. G Section(s): 15301 Existing Facilities
- 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:

This project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 Existing Facilities as it as work involves the interior alteration of mechanical equipment and systems within an existing detention facility, involving no expansion of the facility's existing capacity or use. Further, none of the exceptions in CEQA Section 15300.2 apply to this project. 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: Marcus Lubich Telephone: (619) 414-4593

Name (Print): Marcus Lubich 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.