

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: LAFCO File No. 2-S-24 | Upper Salinas – Las Tablas Resource Conservation District Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study

Project Location: Upper Salinas – Las Tablas Resource Conservation District (US-LTRCD) covers more than 1,859,700 acres in San Luis Obispo County, including the City of Paso Robles, the City of Atascadero, and other unincorporated communities in Northern San Luis Obispo County.

Description of Nature, Purpose, & Beneficiaries of Project: The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) has prepared a Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence (SOI) Study for the US-LTRCD pursuant to Government Code Section 56430 and Section 56425. The SOI is a 20-year growth boundary that includes areas that may be served by the District in the future. State law requires the MSR to be completed either prior to or concurrent with the SOI study. The MSR evaluates the public services provided by the District and is used as the basis for any changes to the SOI. The Commission took action to reaffirm US-LTRCD's SOI to remain coterminous to the service area boundary as depicted in Attachment A, Exhibit C of the LAFCO February 19, 2026, staff report found on the LAFCO website at <https://slo.lafco.ca.gov/>. The Commission also established that US-LTRCD exercises a number of general powers when operating the District as allowed under Public Resources Code Sections 9401-9420.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: The San Luis Obispo County LAFCO conducted a noticed public hearing on February 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers in San Luis Obispo at the County Government Center. Additional information is available on the LAFCO website at <https://slo.lafco.ca.gov/>.

Exemption Status: (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268); | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption: Section 15306 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)); | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemptions: State code number |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c)); | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: General Rule Exemption, Section 15061(b)(3) |

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: It has been determined with certainty that the MSR and SOI Study is categorically exempt under Class 6, Section 15306, and the MSR and SOI Study also qualifies for a general rule exemption under Section 15061(b)(3). There is no possibility that this MSR and SOI Study may have a significant effect on the environment because there are no land use changes associated with the documents; therefore, the US-LTRCD MSR and SOI Study is found to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15306 and Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines. LAFCO will file this Notice of Exemption upon approval of the MSR and SOI Study.



Rob Fitzroy, Executive Officer

Date 2/19/26



