

The Notice of Exemption

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From: Central Coast Water Authority
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Clerk of the Board
County of Santa Barbara
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Project Title: Central Coast Water Authority's Buellton Administrative Office Mold Remediation and Repair Project

Location – Specific: Existing Central Coast Water Authority (CCWA) Buellton Administrative Office in Santa Barbara County (255 Industrial Way, Buellton, CA 93427).

Location – County: Santa Barbara County

Description of Activity: The CCWA Mold Remediation and Repair Project will restore all walls, flooring, and insulation at CCWA's Buellton Administrative Office (BAO) to normal working conditions using products like the original construction.

Name of Public Agency Approving or Carrying Out Activity: Central Coast Water Authority

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Emergency Project
- Categorical Exemption
- Statutory Exemption (Not a Project Under CEQA)

Reasons why activity is exempt:

- a. The Project consists of operation, repair, and maintenance of existing facilities that involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Therefore the Existing Public Facilities Categorical Exemption applies. (CEQA Guidelines § 15301.)
- b. The Project consists of replacement and reconstruction of surfaces on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity. Therefore, the Replacement or Reconstruction Categorical Exemption applies. (CEQA Guidelines § 15302.)
- c. This Project is also determined to be exempt based upon the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have a potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. (CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3).) A public agency may determine an activity to be exempt 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. Here, there will be no expansion of existing uses, and the BAO will operate in the same manner. As such, 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 therefore, the activity is not subject to CEQA.
- d. None of the exceptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply because the Project will not impact a designated, mapped, and officially adopted environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern; result in a significant cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place over time; have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; damage a scenic highway or scenic resources within a state scenic highway; be located on a site which is included

on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; nor cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. (CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2.)

Agency Contact Person:

Telephone:

Signature:

Date:

Title: Executive Director, Central Coast Water Authority

Date received for filing OPR:



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