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40-05062026-108

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LEAD AGENCY SAN LUIS OBISPO CITY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL sscott@slocity.org	DATE 05/06/2026
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PROJECT TITLE  
MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT SECTION 13.08.395 AND 13.08.396

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SHAWNA SCOTT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL sscott@slocity.org	PHONE NUMBER (805) 781-7176
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 879 MORRO STREET	CITY SAN LUIS OBISPO	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 93401
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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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$81.00
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash   
  Credit   
  Check   
  Other
- TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$81.00

SIGNATURE X	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Michelle Maltby, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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By M Maltby, Deputy



# Notice of Exemption

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To:  Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: City of San Luis Obispo  
Public Works and Utilities Department  
879 Morro Street  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-3218

County Clerk  
County of San Luis Obispo  
1055 Monterey Street  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

**Applicant:** Shawna Scott, Assistant Utilities Director  
**Dept:** Public Works and Utilities Department  
**Address:** 879 Morro Street, San Luis Obispo, 93401  
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**Project Title:** Municipal Code Amendment Section 13.08.395 and 13.08.396

**Project Location - Specific:** Citywide

**Project Location - City:** San Luis Obispo

**Project Location - County:** San Luis Obispo

**Description of Project:** Municipal Code Amendment regarding private sewer lateral inspections, replacements, and dissolution of the mandatory Wastewater Flow Offset Program (CODE-0169-2026). Project includes: 1) Modification of the Citywide Sewer Lateral Inspection Program to include repair or replacement of poor or failed condition laterals as determined through the Inspection Upon Sale process; 2) Dissolution of mandatory Wastewater Flow (Private Sewer Lateral) Offset Program requirements; 3) Continued discretionary review and determination of conditional wastewater flow offsets for specified entitlements based on modeling and analysis; and 4) Public Works and Utilities Director discretion to waive pending offset improvements for entitled projects and building permits in process.

**Name of Public Agency Approving the Project:** City of San Luis Obispo

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:** Shawna Scott, Assistant Utilities Director, Public Works and Utilities Department, 879 Morro, SLO (see Applicant, above)

## Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources) and 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for the Protection of the Environment).

## Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed Municipal Code amendment and associated Council-authorized discretion to the Public Works and Utilities Director is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources) and 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for the Protection of the Environment) because the proposed modifications are anticipated to result in a significantly greater number of replacements of private sewer laterals in failed or poor condition (both within capacity-constrained areas and citywide), which will result in a reduction in inflow and infiltration from groundwater and stormwater affecting the City's wastewater collection system, a reduction in wet weather sewer spills within capacity-constrained areas, and a reduction in private sewer lateral spills citywide.

In addition, currently, property sales require inspection of the private sewer lateral, only. If that lateral is in poor or failed condition, there is no current requirement to replace the lateral (unless other actions trigger the requirement, such as intensification through a permitting process). These failed or poor-conditioned laterals contribute to inflow and infiltration and have the potential to result in a sewage spill. Requiring replacement of private sewer laterals in failed or poor condition as a requirement of a property sale would avoid the potential for resulting private lateral sewage spills, which would have a beneficial effect on the environment.

From August 2019 to March 2026, 114 private sewer laterals have been replaced as a requirement of the Wastewater Flow Offset Program. This is significantly less than the 341 private sewer laterals that were conditioned as poor/failed (but not replaced) through the Inspection Upon Sale Program during the same time period (Source: City of San Luis Obispo, 2026).

As evident in the data, these modifications to the program, including elimination of the mandatory offset requirements for projects currently meeting the definition of "intensification", would have an overall beneficial impact on the environment. Furthermore, the Municipal Code amendment does not eliminate the requirement for discretionary review for specified entitlements, review for consistency with General Plan policies regarding wastewater collection system capacity, and CEQA compliance, which requires consideration of a project's impact on water quality and a determination that the project can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

The physical construction of private sewer lateral replacements resulting from the Municipal Code amendment would be exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), and 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) as the new lateral would have substantially the same purpose as the lateral to be replaced, and would involve negligible or no expansion of the existing use.

**Lead Agency**

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Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 5/4/26 \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Shawna Scott, Assistant Utilities Director