

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: California Department of State Hospitals
1215 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Metro State Hospital Central Kitchen HVAC Replacement

Project Location – Specific: Metro State Hospital, 11401 South Bloomfield Avenue

Project Location – City: Norwalk

Project Location – County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will replace the existing HVAC units in the Central Kitchen with two (2) new outdoor HVAC units and eight (8) wall-mounted mini-split AC units. The project includes all necessary supporting condensate and refrigerant piping, and installation of electrical components and controls to the new mechanical equipment.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of State Hospitals

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Nisarg Gosavi, Construction Manager

Exempt Status: CEQA Section 15301, Existing Facilities

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

CEQA Section 15301 applies to the maintenance, repair, and minor alteration of existing public or private facilities, including mechanical equipment, so long as there's negligible or no increase in capacity or expansion of use. The Central Kitchen is an existing facility, and the HVAC replacement will not expand capacity nor change the facility's use. Metro State Hospital is a historic era facility, however, the Central Kitchen has been evaluated and determined not eligible for listing as a historic resource, nor a contributor to the historic district, and the determination was concurred with by the State Historic Preservation Office. The State has confirmed no exceptions to the exemption apply.

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