

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Napa, CA 94559

PROJECT TITLE: NAPA LIBRARY MAINTENANCE PROJECT

PROJECT NUMBER: PW 25-13A

PROJECT LOCATION - SPECIFIC: 580 Coombs Street, Napa Ca 94559 (APN #003-273-006-000)

PROJECT LOCATION – CITY (NEAREST): NAPA

PROJECT LOCATION - COUNTY: NAPA

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project includes the building exterior envelope repair such as window sealant repair, concrete spalling repair and paint, drywall repair and paint, railing coating removal and repaint, as well as new signage installation. The project is located in Downtown Napa and includes commercial buildings in the surrounding landscape which provides a buffer from the proposed work and the Napa River. No changes to the existing vegetation or topographic conditions are proposed are part of the project.

LEAD AGENCY: Napa County Planning, Building and Environmental Services Department

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NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Napa County Department of Public Works Department

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APPLICANT OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Liang Chin Su, Assistant Engineer

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EXEMPT STATUS (CHECK ONE): (Also, see Appendix B of the *Napa Co Local Procedures for Implementing the CEQA*)

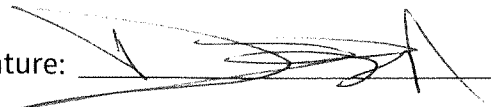
- ☐ Ministerial [Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268];
- ☐ Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];
- ☐ Emergency Project [Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15268(b)(c)];
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: **Class (Type): 1 Section #: 15301**
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- ☐ General Rule: [Sec.15061(b)(3)]

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The project repair and maintenance of the existing library facility located at 580 Combs Street in Downtown Napa. The project is not anticipated to involve vegetation trimming or removal, and mature trees will be completely avoided. Pursuant to CEQA Section 15300, the proposed project would be considered Categorical Exempt based on at least one Exemption Class. The project is not anticipated to impact any known environmentally sensitive area, and its impact on the environment is insignificant, individually, and cumulatively. There is no reasonably possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment, or damage scenic resources because there will be no ground disturbance, and the repair work proposed is minor in nature and would not expand the footprint or primary use of the existing facility.

Pursuant to Sections 15022(a)(1)(C) and 15300.4 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Napa County Board of Supervisors have adopted implementation procedures, identifying specific projects that would be categorically exempt from established CEQA Guidelines. The proposed project would therefore be Categorical Exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Title 14 CCR Section 15301 Class 1 – Existing Facilities. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public; or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Dana Morrison, Supervising Planner (PBES)

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Signature:  Date: 7/10/2026 Title: Supervising Planner

- ☒ Signed by Lead Agency
☐ Signed by Applicant

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To:	Liang Chin Su, Assistant Engineer Public Works Department	From:	Dana Morrison, Supervising Planner Conservation Division
Date:	June 9, 2026	Re:	Napa Library Maintenance Project PW 25-13A

Background:

Pursuant to Section 303 of Napa County's Local Procedures for Implementing the California Quality Act (CEQA), the Planning, Building & Environmental Services Department has prepared this environmental evaluation for the proposed maintenance project at the Napa County Library in the City of Napa within the County of Napa.

Project Location:

The project is located at 580 Combs Street in Downtown Napa California. Assessor's Parcel Number 003-273-006-000. The project area is surrounded by existing urban development including roads, infrastructure, public parking facilities, County offices, as well as various commercial and residential land uses. The Napa River is located east of the project site but existing development lies between the area of proposed work and the river itself.

Project Description:

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CEQA Exemption Criteria and Analysis:

Article 19 of the State Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Guidelines) establishes a list of classes of projects that are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. Pursuant to CEQA Section 15300, the proposed project would be considered Categorical Exempt based on at least one Exemption Class. According to the County's resource maps, the proposed improvement is not anticipated to affect any known environmentally sensitive area, and its impact on the environment is insignificant, individually and cumulatively. There is no reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment given that the improvements are occurring within an existing facility and do not expand or intensify the existing use.

Based on an examination of the project, this project qualifies for the following exemptions under the California Environmental Quality Act – CEQA Guidelines Class 1: Existing Facilities section 15301 - this consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The project, involving the maintenance of the existing Napa Library, is a minor alteration of existing facilities involving no expansion of the existing use. Overall, the proposed improvements would help maintain the existing facility and are consistent with the aforementioned exemption.

This determination is solely based on information provided by Liang Chin Su, Napa County Public Works. Should the proposed project be modified or new evidence be presented that environmental impacts have not been fully disclosed, this determination would not be valid.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dana Morrison at (707) 253-4437 or by e-mail at dana.morrison@countyofnapa.org.