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July 23, 2026

CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH
505 FOREST AVE
LAGUNA BEACH, CA 92651

Office of the ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER
Memorandum

SUBJECT: EIR NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

The attached notice was received, filed and a copy was posted on 7/23/2026

It remained posted for 30 (thirty) days.

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In and for the County of ORANGE

By: 516 - Deputy

Public Resource Code 21092.3

The notice required pursuant to Sections 21080.4 and 21092 for an environmental impact report shall be posted in the office of the County Clerk of each county *** in which the project will be located and shall remain posted for a period of 30 days. The notice required pursuant to Section 21092 for a negative declaration shall be so posted for a period of 20 days, unless otherwise required by law to be posted for 30 days. The County Clerk shall post notices within 24 hours of receipt.

Public Resource Code 21152

All notices filed pursuant to this section shall be available for public inspection, and shall be posted *** **within 24 hours of receipt** in the office of the County Clerk. Each notice shall remain posted for a period of 30 days. *** Thereafter, the clerk shall return the notice to the local **lead** agency *** within a notation of the period it was posted. The local **lead** agency shall retain the notice for not less than nine months.

Additions or changes by underline; deletions by ***

ORANGE COUNTY
CLERK-RECORDER
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

30-07/23/2026-0632

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By _____

Deputy clerk

THIS SPACE FOR CLERK'S USE ONLY

Complete and attach this form to each CEQA Notice filed with the County Clerk-Recorder

TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

ADOPTION OF THE DR EFFICIENCY ORDINANCE, EFFICIENCY ORDINANCE, AND RESOLUTION AMENDING THE DR GUIDELINES, AND ADOPTION OF AN URGENCY ORDINANCE VERSION OF THE DR EFFICIENCY ORDINANCE

Check Document being Filed:

- ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- ☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- ☑ Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- ☐ Other (Please fill in type):

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER ON 07/23/2026

Posted 07/23/2026 **Removed** _____

Returned to agency on _____

DEPUTY 516

Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office.For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.5.

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

From: Community Development – Planning Division
505 Forest Avenue Laguna Beach, California 92651

FILED
JUL 23 2026
HUGH NGUYEN, CLERK-RECORDER
BY: AT DEPUTY

☒ Exempt from recording fees pursuant to Govt. Code §27383

(above for use by County Clerk-Recorder's Office only)

1. **APPLICANT:** Anthony Viera, 505 Forest Ave., Laguna Beach, CA 92651, (949) 497-0398, AViera@lagunabeachcity.net – city of Laguna Beach
2. **LEAD AGENCY:** City of Laguna Beach – 505 Forest Ave., Laguna Beach, CA 92651
3. **PROJECT PLANNER:** Anthony Viera, Deputy Director of Community Development, (949) 497-0398, AViera@lagunabeachcity.net
4. **PROJECT TITLE:** Adoption of the DR Efficiency Ordinance, Efficiency Ordinance, and Resolution Amending the DR Guidelines, and Adoption of an Urgency Ordinance Version of the DR Efficiency Ordinance
5. **PROJECT LOCATION:** City of Laguna Beach (citywide)
6. **DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:** Municipal Code Amendment and Local Coastal Program Amendment to amend Title 25 (Zoning), Title 21 (Plats and Subdivisions), and Title 22 (Excavating, Grading, and Filling) of the Municipal Code and Local Coastal Program to streamline the design review and other permit processes (the "DR Efficiency Ordinance"); Municipal Code Amendment to amend Chapter 7.25 (Noise), Chapter 12.08 (Preservation of Heritage Trees), Chapter 12.16 (View Preservation and Restoration), and Chapter 17.50 (Private Sewer Laterals) (the "Efficiency Ordinance"); an urgency ordinance version of the DR Efficiency Ordinance; and Local Coastal Program Amendment to amend the Design Guidelines – A Guide to Residential Development (the "DR Guidelines").

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:
In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the actions are exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 because it 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. Here, the recommended actions meet the exemption because the City is amending its codes to improve procedural efficiencies and to comply with state law. The City is not authorizing new uses that are not already established within the City through the actions. Furthermore, and as an alternative, under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15265, CEQA does not apply to activities and approvals pursuant to the Coastal Act necessary for the preparation and adoption of a local coastal program because the Coastal Commission's LCP review and approval procedures have been found to be functionally equivalent to the environmental review process. Therefore, the actions amending the City's local coastal program are statutorily exempt from CEQA.

Therefore, the City Council has determined that further environmental evaluation is not required because:

☐ The project is not subject to CEQA because it "*does not involve the exercise of discretionary power*," or "*will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment*," or, "*is not a project as defined in Section 15378 of the CEQA guidelines.*" (Sections 15060(c)(1), (2) & (3)); or,

☐ "*The activity is covered by the commonsense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. 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*" (Section 15061(b)(3)); or,

☐ The project is statutorily exempt, Section_____, <name> (Sections 15260-15277); or,

☒ The project is categorically exempt per State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities).

7. If filed by applicant: Attach Certificate of Determination (Form "A") before filing.

8. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving this project?

9. Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption?
Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, the date of the public hearing was: July 21, 2026.

Signature

Date: 7/23/26

Anthony Viera
Name

Title: Deputy Director of Community Development

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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BY: _____ DEPUTY

State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:
30-07/23/2026-0632

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH		07/23/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
ORANGE COUNTY	202685000866

PROJECT TITLE

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PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL		PHONE NUMBER
CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH			(949) 497-0398
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	**CITY**	**STATE**	**ZIP CODE**
505 FOREST AVE.	LAGUNA BEACH	CA	92651

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	$ 50.00	$
☐ Other		$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ 0.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X Andy	Xiaoxi Zhou Deputy Clerk

ORIGINAL - PROJECT APPLICANT | COPY - CDFW/ASB | COPY - LEAD AGENCY | COPY - COUNTY CLERK | DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01012026)