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SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY PARKS, ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION ED26-0116

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

1144 MONTEREY STREET

CITY

SAN LUIS OBISPO

STATE

CA

ZIP CODE

93408

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

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☐ Other

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COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & BUILDING

Notice of Exemption/General Rule Exemption

Project Title and No.: San Luis Obispo County Parks, Environmental Determination ED26-0116

Project Location and APN:

6800 Lopez Drive, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420
APN: 048-071-016

Project Applicant/Phone No./Email:

Elizabeth Kavanaugh // San Luis Obispo County
Parks & Recreation
(805) 781-4089
ekavanaugh@co.slo.ca.us

Applicant Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

1144 Monterey St, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

A request by the County of San Luis Obispo Department of Parks and Recreation to continue implementation of the Lopez Lake Quagga Mussel Prevention Public Outreach Plan at Lopez Lake Recreation Area. The project includes continued operation of a Resource Protection Team, consisting of a WIT 1-certified Resource Protection Inspector and K9 Team, to conduct primary and secondary watercraft inspections for quagga mussels and veligers (larvae); continued plankton tow sampling and substrate monitoring in coordination with the County Department of Public Works for early detection of quagga mussels; and continued public education and outreach at the California Mid-State Fair through an interactive booth staffed by a Park Ranger and K9 Team, including educational activities, boater surveys, and quizzes to assess public awareness and program effectiveness. Project activities are limited to watercraft inspections, environmental monitoring, and public outreach and education. The project involves no ground disturbance, grading, grubbing, vegetation removal, or other physical modifications to the environment. The project is within the Recreation land use category and is located at Lopez Lake Recreation Area, 6800 Lopez Drive, approximately 10 miles east of the community of Arroyo Grande, in the Huasna-Lopez Sub Area of the South County Planning Area.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of San Luis Obispo

Exempt Status:

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| ☐ Ministerial {Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268} | ☒ Categorical Exemption {Sec. 15307; Class 7} |
| ☐ Declared Emergency {Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)} | ☐ Statutory Exemption {Sec. ____} |
| ☐ Emergency Project {Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)} | ☒ General Rule Exemption {Sec. 15061(b)(3)} |
| | ☐ Not a Project ____ |

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed project qualifies for a Class 7 Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15307 of the State CEQA Guidelines (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources). Class 7 consists of actions undertaken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state law or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of natural resources through a regulatory process that includes procedures for environmental protection.

The proposed project consists solely of continued quagga mussel prevention, monitoring, and public education activities at Lopez Lake Recreation Area and more recently during the California Mid-State Fair.

Project activities include operation of a Resource Protection Team, consisting of a WIT 1-certified Resource Protection Inspector and K9 Team, to conduct primary and secondary watercraft inspections; plankton tow sampling and substrate monitoring in coordination with the County Department of Public Works for early detection of quagga mussels; and public outreach and education regarding quagga mussel prevention. The project involves no construction, ground disturbance, grading, grubbing, vegetation removal, or other physical alteration of the environment. Accordingly, the project is consistent with the intent and applicability of the Class 7 exemption because it is undertaken to protect natural resources and prevent the introduction and spread of an invasive aquatic species.

The project is also exempt under the Common Sense Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines. This exemption applies where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the activity may have a significant effect on the environment. Because the proposed activities are limited to inspections, environmental monitoring, and public education, and involve no physical changes to the environment, there is no potential for the project to result in a significant environmental impact.

Therefore, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15307 (Class 7, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources) and 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption).

Additional Information: Additional information pertaining to this notice of general rule exemption may be found on the next page of this document and by contacting the Planning and Building Department, 976 Osos St., Rm 200, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408 (805) 781-5600.

Notice of General Rule Exemption

Project Title and No.: San Luis Obispo County Parks, Environmental Determination ED26-0116

Pursuant to section 15061 of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the preliminary review of a project includes a determination as to whether a project is exempt from CEQA. This checklist represents a summary of this project's review for exemption.

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1. Does this project fall within any exempt class as listed in sections 15301 through 15333 of the State CEQA Guidelines?	☒	☐
2. Is there a reasonable possibility that the project could have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances?	☐	☒
3. Is the project inconsistent with any Federal, State, or local law or administrative requirement relating to the environment?	☐	☒
4. Will the project involve substantial public controversy regarding environmental issues?	☐	☒
5. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	☐	☒
6. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of achieving long-term environmental goals? (A short-term impact on the environment is one which occurs in a relatively brief, definitive period of time while long-term impacts will endure well into the future.)	☐	☒
7. Does the project have adverse impacts which are individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant? Cumulatively significant means that the incremental effects of an individual project are substantially adverse when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.	☐	☒
8. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	☐	☒

On the basis of this initial evaluation, I find that the proposed project does not have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from CEQA.

Blake Maule (bmaule@co.slo.ca.us)

(805) 781-4163

Lead Agency Contact Person

Telephone

Signature: *Blake Maule*

Date: 7/21/2026

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding
2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes ☐ No ☐

On July 21, 2026, the project was approved by:

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| ☐ Board of Supervisors | ☐ Subdivision Review Board | ☐ Chief Building Official |
| ☐ Planning Commission | ☐ Planning Dept Hearing Officer | ☒ Other _____ |