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August 6, 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 8/6/2026

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

30-08/06/2026-0667
202685000911
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August 6, 2026
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CLERK - RECORDER
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 OBJECTIVE DESIGN STANDARDS FOR SINGLE- AND TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Check Document being Filed:

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

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER ON 08/06/2026
Posted 08/06/2026 **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

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

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

1. **APPLICANT:** Wendy Jung, 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651, (949) 497-0321, wjung@lagunabeachcity.net , City of Laguna Beach
2. **LEAD AGENCY:** City of Laguna Beach, 505 Forest Ave. Laguna Beach, CA, 92651
3. **PROJECT PLANNER:** Wendy Jung, Principal Planner, (949) 497-0321, wjung@lagunabeachcity.net
4. **PROJECT TITLE:** Adoption of Objective Design Standards for Single- and Two-Family Residential Development
5. **PROJECT LOCATION:** City of Laguna Beach (citywide)
6. **DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:**
   The objective design standards (ODS) establish objective, measurable, and enforceable design standards intended to comply with applicable State housing laws while preserving Laguna Beach's unique architectural character and promoting neighborhood compatibility through a clear and predictable ministerial review process. Building upon the objective form and massing standards established through Phase One – which were adopted by the City Council on July 21, 2026 as part of the Design Review Efficiency Ordinance – the Phase Two ODS provide objective standards governing architectural character, building composition, site design, and related design elements applicable to new single- and two-family residential development.

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 adopting by Resolution objective design standards for single- and two-family residential development that have been incorporated by reference into the Design Review Efficiency Ordinance to comply with state law. The City is not authorizing new uses that are not already established within the City through the action and is not approving or authorizing any specific development project or physical change to the environment.

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: August 4, 2026.

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AUG 06 2026
HUGH NGUYEN, CLERK-RECORDER
BY: AT DEPUTY

Wendy Jung
Signature

Date: August 5, 2026

Wendy Jung
Name

Title: Principal Planner

☒ 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:
30-08/06/2026-0667

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH		08/06/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING		DOCUMENT NUMBER
ORANGE COUNTY		202685000911

PROJECT TITLE

ADOPTION OF OBJECTIVE DESIGN STANDARDS FOR SINGLE- AND TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL		PHONE NUMBER
CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH	WJUNG@LAGUNABEACHCITY.NET		(949) 497-0321
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
505 FOREST AVENUE	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)