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| FISH | FISH AND WILDLIFE FILING | $90.00 |
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| Account# | CTY |
| Account Name | JE except TX & DSS |
| Customer Name | CHRISTOPHEL |
| Balance | $8,571.75 |

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# 2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

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

RECEIPT NUMBER: 40-08132026-216

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

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| LEAD AGENCY | LEAD AGENCY EMAIL | DATE |
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| SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY | ehuges@co.slo.ca.us | 08/13/2026 |

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PROJECT TITLE

CHRISTOPHEL GRADING PERMIT (GRAD2023-00010/ CEQA2024-00011)

| PROJECT APPLICANT NAME | PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL | PHONE NUMBER |
|---|---|---|
| DAVID AND MARYN CHRISTOPHEL | dbchristo@gmail.com | (916) 769-6994 |

| PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS | CITY | STATE | ZIP CODE |
|---|---|---|---|
| 16061 NORTE RD | ATASCADERO | CA | 93422 |

**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)

| | | |
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| ☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | $850.00 | $ |
| ☒ County documentary handling fee | | $ $90.00 |
| ☐ Other | | $ |

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☒ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ $90.00

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| X Michelle Maltby | Michelle Maltby, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder |

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By MMaltby, Deputy

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & BUILDING

# General Rule Exemption

**Project Title and No.:** Christophel Grading Permit (GRAD2023-00010/ CEQA2024-00011)

| **Project Location and APN:** | **Project Applicant/Phone No./Email:** |
|---|---|
| 16061 Norte Rd, Atascadero, CA 93422<br>APN: 059-491-004 | David and Maryn Christophel (916) 769-6994/ dbchristo@gmail.com |
| | **Applicant Address (Street, City, State, Zip):**<br>16061 Norte Rd, Atascadero, CA 93422 |

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

A request for a Major Grading Permit (GRAD2023-00010) for major grading to construct building pads, a pedestrian pathway, two retaining walls and an accessory dwelling unit and detached garage. The proposed project will disturb approximately 0.12 acres of the 3.50-acre parcel, including 225 cubic-yards of cut and fill. The proposed parcel is within the Residential Suburban land use category and is located at 16061 Norte Rd, in the Salinas River Sub-area of the North County Planning Area.

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

**Exempt Status/Findings:** This project is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this project may have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, the activity is not subject to CEQA. [Reference: State CEQA Guidelines sec. 15061(b)(3), General Rule Exemption].

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project includes grading for the construction of building pads, a pedestrian pathway, two retaining walls and an accessory dwelling unit and detached garage within the Residential Suburban land use category with access to an existing roadway network that is adequate to serve the project. The applicant has designed the grading and site improvements to minimize site disturbance, and the project has a relatively small area of disturbance of approximately 0.12 acres. The project area is located within the Salinas River Sub-area of the North County Planning area and is subject to the applicable standards outlined in County Code. This project, as proposed, meets all applicable community standards for development. Additionally, the project is proposed to be placed in an area that is not categorized as prime farmland and will not convert prime farmland to a non-agricultural use.

The project will not result in impacts to special status plant and animal species known to exist within the project area. Therefore, the project will maintain compliance with local policies and ordinances protecting biological resources.

The project is not located near a stream or in an area with known archaeological resources; therefore, impacts to cultural resources are not anticipated. In the unlikely event resources are uncovered during grading activities, implementation of County Code Section 22.10.040 (Archaeological Resources) would be required, which states:

A. Construction activities shall cease, and the Department shall be notified so that the extent and location of discovered materials may be recorded by a qualified archaeologist, and disposition of artifacts may be accomplished in accordance with state and federal law.

B. In the event archeological resources are found to include human remains, or in any other case when human remains are discovered during construction, the County Coroner shall be notified in addition to the Department so proper disposition may be accomplished.

The project area will not be impacted by geologic conditions, and all geotechnical recommendations have been incorporated into the project design, if applicable. Existing grading and drainage regulations will adequately address surface water quality impacts during construction and permanent use of the residence. The project will conform to the applicable General Plan and Area Plan standards, and no measures beyond those required by County Code are necessary to address the environmental impacts associated with the proposed project.

**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.:** Christophel Grading Permit (GRAD2023-00010/ CEQA2024-00011)

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.

| | | YES | NO |
|---|---|---|---|
| 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.

Eric Hughes ( ehughes@co.slo.ca.us) (805) 781-1591

**Lead Agency Contact Person** **Telephone**

Signature: *Eric Hughes* Date: 8/11/2026

**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 February 27, 2024, the project was approved by:

☐ Board of Supervisors ☐ Subdivision Review Board ☒ Chief Building Official

☐ Planning Commission ☐ Planning Dept Hearing Officer ☐ Other_____