Notice of Exemption — Form D

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Project Title Site Plan Review #2026-06, Shade Sail Canopy Project – Two (2) City Parks

Project Applicant: City of Los Banos

Project Location - Specific 1538 Mayweed Drive, APN: 430-035-003

Project Location - City Los Banos **Project Location - County** Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project Site Plan Review #2026-06 for the development of One (1) shade sail canopy consisting of 400 square feet with the dimensions of twenty (20') foot long by twenty (20') foot wide and twelve (12') foot tall for City of Los Banos Parks & Recreation Division.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project City of Los Banos

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project City of Los Banos

Exempt Status (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080 (b) (1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a);
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)).
- ☑ Categorical Exemption – Sec. 15311 Accessory Structures
- ☐ Statutory Exemption – State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt CEQA provides several "categorical exemptions" which are applicable categories of projects and activities that the Lead Agency has determined generally do not pose a risk of significant impacts on the environment. The project consists of the development of one (1) shade sail canopy consisting of 400 square feet with dimensions of twenty (20') foot long by twenty (20') foot wide and twelve (12') tall for the City of Los Banos Parks & Recreation Division.

The project is exempt under Section 15311 of the State CEQA Guidelines (Class 11-Accessory Structures).

The project meets the criteria for the Accessory Structures categorical exemption described in Section 15311 of the State CEQA Guidelines as the proposed project, the development of a shade sail canopy will be an accessory structure for the existing Neighborhood Park located at 1538 Mayweed Drive, which can be considered as an existing public facility/ park. The City has further considered whether the project is subject to any of the exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption found at CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. This section prohibits the use of categorical exemptions under the following circumstances:

(a) for certain classes of projects (Classes 3,4,5,6 and 11) due to location where the project may impact an environmental resource or hazardous or critical concern;

(b) when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time, is significant;

(c) where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances;

(d) where the project may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings rock croppings , or similar resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway;

(e) where the project is located on a state designated hazardous waste site; and

(f) where the project may cause a substantial averse change in the significance of a historical resource.

In reference to Section 15300.2(a) the project site is not located in an area of sensitive or critical concern.

With regard to Section 15300.2(b) there is no evidence of a potential significant cumulative impact because successive projects of the same type in the same place have not been approved and are not currently proposed. Cumulative impacts related to development accommodated by the City's General Plan were found to be less than significant in the 2042 General Plan EIR. The project will not result in significant cumulative impacts with regards to the project and potential General Plan buildout.

Regarding Section 15300.2(c), the project would not result in any significant effects on the environment due to unusual circumstances. The project would not result in any significant effects on the environment due to unusual circumstances. The project site is surrounded by urban development and not located within a sensitive resource area. The project site is located and mapped in a non-hazardous area, as is all of the surrounding area.

In accordance to Section 15300.2(d), the project site as the site is not located adjacent to or visible from a designated scenic highway.

In consistency with Section 15300.2(e), the project site is not a state-designated hazardous waste site. The project site is located in a mapped non-hazardous area as is all of the surrounding area.

Finally in conformity with Section 15300.2(f), there are no historic resources or structures located within or around the project site.

For the reasons cited above, the project will not result in a significant environmental impact and qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15311 Accessory Structures of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

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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? **x** Yes No

Signature	8/18/2026 Date	Assistant Planner Title

☑ Signed by Lead Agency
☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____