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ORANGE COUNTY
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CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

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TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

RATIFICATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY THE CITY MANAGER, ACTING AS THE DIRECTORR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

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):

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

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BY: _____ DEPUTY

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

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1. **APPLICANT:** Anthony Viera for City of Laguna Beach, 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651 (949) 497-0398 aviera@lagunabeachcity.net
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:** Ratification of Local Emergency Proclamation Issued by the City Manager, Acting as the Director of Emergency Services, on September 10, 2026
5. **PROJECT LOCATION:** City of Laguna Beach (citywide)
6. **DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:** Adoption of a City Council resolution ratifying and extending a proclamation (the "Proclamation") of a local emergency issued by the City Manager on September 10, 2026, which declares a Local State of Emergency following impacts to public infrastructure, beaches, and private sea walls from remnants of Hurricane Marie in September 2026, as well as anticipatory concern about the likelihood of a significant El Niño event in Fall 2026 and Winter 2026-27. The purpose of the Proclamation is to allow the City to act at emergency speed, facilitate outside assistance, and create an avenue to the City for potential financial recovery.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 because it consists solely of the City Council's consideration of the ratification of the City Manager/Director of Emergency Service's Declaration of a local emergency, which is an organizational and administrative activity that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change to the environment. In the alternative, ratification of the Proclamation and the emergency actions taken pursuant to it are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(4) and State CEQA Guidelines section 15269, which exempts emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety, or welfare, and specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

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 15269, Emergency Projects (Sections 15260-15277); or,

☐ The project is categorically exempt per State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15303 (Class 3 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures).

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? Yes

9. Was a public meeting held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption?
Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, the date of the public meeting was: September 14, 2026.

Signature

Date: September 15, 2026

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 15269, 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

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

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RECEIPT NUMBER:
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

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LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH		09/15/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING		DOCUMENT NUMBER
ORANGE COUNTY		202685001039

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 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	Roberto Uriostegui Deputy Clerk

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