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ORANGE COUNTY
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Project Title

VARIANCE 2026-1812

Check Document being Filed:

- ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- ☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- ☑ 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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1. **APPLICANT:** Chad Peterson, 18 Technology Dr, Ste 161, Irvine, CA 92618 (949) 407-7760 | chadp@darcyarchitecture.com
2. **LEAD AGENCY:** City of Laguna Beach, 505 Forest Ave. Laguna Beach, CA, 92651
3. **PROJECT PLANNER:** Sarah Olsen, Assistant Planner (949) 715-1149 solsen@lagunabeachcity.net
4. **PROJECT TITLE:** Variance 2026-1812
5. **PROJECT LOCATION:** 1504 Skyline Drive, Laguna Beach, CA, 92651 (APN: 641-333-06).
6. **DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:** Construct a trellis that encroaches into the rear yard setback more than the projections allowed pursuant to Laguna Beach Municipal Code Section 25.50.008(A) in the R-1 (Residential Low Density) Zoning District.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the recommended action is exempt from further review per State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 - New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, and Section 15305 - Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations, in that the project consists of the addition of a modest 7-foot deep by 39-foot wide cantilevered open trellis structure that encroaches into a portion of the rear yard setback across the ground level of the rear of the house on an improved lot in a fully developed neighborhood where the area of improvement has less than a 20 percent slope. There is no evidence of any unusual or special conditions that would result in a significant effect on the environment because the project is limited to expanding an existing cantilevered trellis structure on an existing residence.

None of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions identified in CEQA Guidelines, section 15300.2 applies. There is nothing unusual about the project site or the project itself that would lead to a potentially significant impact. And, even if an unusual circumstance did exist (one does not), there is no reasonable possibility that the project would have a significant effect on the environment. The project site is zoned for single-family development and provides adequate off-street parking. Further, the project will not result in damage to scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway; the closest officially designated state scenic highway is located near Anaheim and therefore the project will not result in damage to scenic resources within or near such highway. Further, the project is not located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Section 65962.5; the project site has not been designated as a hazardous waste site. Further, the project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource. Thus, the Class 3 categorical exemption applies.

Therefore, the Design Review Board (DRB) 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 15303 (Class 3 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and Section 15305 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations).

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: September 24, 2026.

Sarah Olsen
Signature

Date: 9/23/26

Sarah Olsen
Name

Title: Assistant 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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2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

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

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

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CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH		10/19/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING		DOCUMENT NUMBER
ORANGE COUNTY		202685001182

PROJECT TITLE

VARIANCE 2026-1812

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL		PHONE NUMBER
CHAD PETERSON			(949) 407-7760
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
18 TECHNOLOGY DR STE 161	IRVINE	CA	92618

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	$ 50.00
☐ Other		$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ 50.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X	Roberto Uriostegui Deputy Clerk

ORIGINAL - PROJECT APPLICANT | COPY - CDFW/ASB | COPY - LEAD AGENCY | COPY - COUNTY CLERK | DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01012026)

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