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GROVER BEACH CITY	mmartin@groverbeach.org	10/21/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO	

PROJECT TITLE

MEADOW CREEK VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
CITY OF GROVER BEACH	jlee@groverbeach.org	(805) 473-4520

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
154 S. 8TH STREET	GROVER BEACH	CA	93433

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		$ $90.00
☐ Other		$

PAYMENT METHOD:

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

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X Michelle Maltby	Michelle Maltby, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder

Filed in County Clerk's Office
Elaina Cano
San Luis Obispo - County Clerk-Recorder

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By MMaltby, Deputy

CITY OF GROVER BEACH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION / COMMON SENSE EXEMPTION

To: ☐ Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: City of Grover Beach
Community Development Dept
154 S. 8th Street
Grover Beach, CA 93433

☒ County Clerk
County of San Luis Obispo
1144 Monterey Street, Suite A
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Applicant Name: City of Grover Beach
Applicant Address: 154 S. 8th Street, Grover Beach, 93433
Email: jlee@groverbeach.org
Phone Number: (805) 473-4520

Project Title: Meadow Creek Vegetation Management
Project Location – Site: City of Grover Beach
Project Location – City: Grover Beach **Project Location – County:** San Luis Obispo

Description of Project: The City of Grover Beach will complete vegetation management work within select areas of Meadow Creek to address potential storm impacts and winter flows caused by El Nino.

Public Agency Approving the Project: City of Grover Beach
Name of Person or Agency Carrying out the Project: City of Grover Beach Public Works Department
Lead Agency Contact: Megan Martin **Telephone:** (805) 473-4520 Email: mmartin@groverbeach.org

Exempt Status (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); 15268;
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b); 15269(b)(c)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- ☐ Categorical Exemption. State code number:
- ☒ Common Sense Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. A pre-activity survey and review of the CNDDB was completed by Kevin Merck Associates, LLC (KMA). No special status wildlife were observed, no large stick nests indicative of raptors. The creek channel supported aquatic habitat with little flow and no special status amphibians or reptiles were observed in the creek channel or surrounding 200-500 feet of riparian habitat. KMA will provide biological monitoring during all on-site activity to ensure vegetation management avoids special status species, should they be present. With that, 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), Common Sense Exemption].

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 ☐

Signature: Megan Martin Date: October 21, 2026
Title: Megan Martin, Community Development Director

☒ Signed by Lead Agency Date Received for Filing at OPR: _____

CITY OF GROVER BEACH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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 15329 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.

Additional Information: Additional information pertaining to this notice of common sense exemption may be obtained by contacting the Community Development Department, 154 S. 8th Street, Grover Beach, CA 93433 (805) 473-4520.