

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**From:** (Public Agency): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Address)

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location - County: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: \_\_\_\_\_

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. State type and section number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Lead Agency

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: \_\_\_\_\_

**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: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

### **138 Goya Road Notice of Exemption, continued**

Section 21084 of the Public Resources Code requires the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines to include a list of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and are therefore exempt from CEQA. These are called Categorical Exemptions and are outlined in the CEQA Guidelines. The proposed project is to construct a new single-family residence in a residential zone, which is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. Specifically, Section 15303(a) defines the exemption as “one single-family residence, or a second dwelling unit in a residential zone.” The Zoning designation for 138 Goya Road is R-E/2.5/SD-2.5 which is classified as a residential zone in accordance with Section 18.06.010 of PVMC.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 outlines Exceptions where the Categorical Exemption may not be used; these exceptions do not apply to this project. Section 15300.2(a) notes that due to location, some projects may not be exempt from further review. The location exception is restricted to projects that “may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.” The proposed project is not in an area “designated” as an “environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern” by any federal, state or local agency. The lack of such a designation defeats the application of this exception. Furthermore, the project does not include scenic highways, hazardous waste sites, historical resources, there is no likelihood of successive projects at the same location over time, and there are no unusual circumstances causing a significant effect. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2.) Finally, it should be noted that in examining the “unusual circumstances” exception, CEQA differentiates between adverse impacts upon particular persons, on the one hand, and adverse impacts upon the general public, on the other hand. Interference with private view corridors are generally not viewed as a CEQA impact.

In summary, the project is exempted from CEQA review, and no exceptions apply to the project.