

- Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)];
- Preliminary Review [Section 15060(c)(3)]
- Consistent With a Community Plan or Zoning [Section 15183(a)]
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption [15393]
- General Rule [Section 15061(b)(3)]
- Criteria for Subsequent EIR [Section 15162]

REASONS WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT OR DOES NOT REQUIRE FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

CEQA requires analysis of agency approvals of discretionary "Projects." A "Project," under CEQA, is defined as "the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment" (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378). The proposed Project is a project under CEQA.

Staff has determined that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures). Section 15303 applies to the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures including, but not limited to the installation of accessory structures such as garages, carports, patios, and fences.

The Project involves façade and site improvements at the existing Elk Grove Police Department buildings, including the installation of a new canopy, a new, permanent 200 square-foot storage shipping container, CMU block wall, and new metal fencing at 9362 Studio Court, as well new wrought iron fencing at 8400 and 8380 Laguna Palms Way. No expansion of use is proposed with the Project. The installation of these new accessory structures is consistent with those exempted from CEQA review under section 15303.

In February 2019, the City Council adopted a new General Plan which relied on Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as a measure of transportation impacts. The Project consists of a commercial project that is under 50,000 square feet. Commercial projects less than 50,000 square feet are exempt from VMT analysis.

Staff reviewed the proposed Project and did not find any evidence that special circumstances exist that would create a reasonable possibility that the proposed Project will have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, the proposed Project qualifies for the exemption under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303.

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