

# Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Merced

2222 M Street

Merced, CA 95340

From: (Public Agency): City of Los Banos  
520 J Street

Los Banos, CA 93635

(Address)

Project Title: Step Up in Los Banos, a Shangri-La Community

Project Applicant: Shangri-La Industries LLC

Project Location - Specific:

2169 E. Pacheco Blvd., Los Banos, CA 93635

Project Location - City: Los Banos

Project Location - County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Conversion of an existing motel into a 60 unit permanent supportive housing development and one managers unit for chronically homeless and homeless individuals. Rehab includes a kitchenette, hard surface flooring, repainted exteriors and interiors, refreshed landscaping with low-flow irrigation and drought-tolerant plants. Safety design elements and green elements such as low flow plumbing fixtures, LED lighting, and an energy efficient HVAC system.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Los Banos

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Shangri-La Industries LLC

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: Class 1; Section 15301

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The conversion of an existing 61-room hotel to a 61-room supportive housing project qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines as it involves minor alterations of an existing development involving negligible or no expansion of the use.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Stacy Souza Elms

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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: 6/19/23

Title: Community & Economic Development Director

▪ 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: \_\_\_\_\_