



Notice of Exemption

Project Title and No.: Franklin Temporary Events / Conditional Use Permit; N-DRC2023-00014 ED24-008

Table with 2 columns: Project Location and Project Applicant/Phone No./Email. Includes Applicant Address (Street, City, State, Zip).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of San Luis Obispo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project

Hearing to consider a request by Jack and Deborah Franklin for a Conditional Use Permit to allow 30 outdoor temporary events (including non-profits) per year a with 200 maximum attendees. Outdoor amplified sound/music is proposed from 11 am to 10 pm. The project will utilize and improve an existing agriculture road for primary access resulting in approximately .83 acres of total site disturbance on a 106-acre site. The project includes a request to waive secondary access as required by Title 22.30.610.D.1. The proposed project is within the Agriculture land use category and is located at 775 San Marcos Road, approximately 3 miles northwest of the City of Paso Robles. The site is in the Salinas River Sub Area South of the North County Planning Area and within Supervisorial District 1.

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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. {Sec. 15300 ; Class: 1 }
Statutory Exemption {Sec. ___}
General Rule Exemption. {Sec. 15061(b)(3)} (also complete GRE form PLN-1124)
Not a Project _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The access roads will require improvements in accordance with County Public Improvement/CalFire Standards that will result in minor site disturbance to upgrade existing driveways. The applicant is required to comply with the California Fire Code, the Public Resources Code and any other applicable fire laws. No mitigation measures beyond ordinances are necessary to address the environmental impacts associated with the proposed project.

This project is located in a potential San Joaquin kit fox habitat. The applicant completed a Kit Fox Evaluation (August 24, 2023) to supplement this project's land use application. The Kit Fox Evaluation was referred to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) which analyzed and assessed the



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habitat evaluation and assigned it as requiring no compensatory mitigation. CDFW concurred that the findings in the Evaluation will have a less-than-significant impact to the San Joaquin kit fox habitat.

The applicant is proposing outdoor amplified sound and music until 10:00 PM as part of their application. A site-specific acoustical analysis was completed for the project in March 2023 to evaluate the impact of the proposed outdoor amplified sound and music and to propose potential mitigations if noise thresholds exceeded Title 22 Noise Ordinance standards. The proposed amplified music and sound will not result in an expansion of use because the acoustical analysis concluded that amplified noise is not anticipated to exceed thresholds and does not require mitigation beyond ordinance standards.

Portable restrooms are proposed to be utilized for each event and the use of onsite permanent facilities is not permitted. All drinking water and other potable water will be supplied by off-site caterers and outside vendors. No water from the existing onsite wells is proposed or permitted. Water demand is not expanded because the applicant is proposing to bring all required water and sanitation facilities. The project site is located within the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin. Since the project does not rely on any on-site resources related to water and sanitation, the overall project does not result in an increased demand or expansion of use.

Additional Information:

Additional information pertaining to this notice of exemption may be obtained by reviewing the second page of this document and by contacting the Environmental Coordinator, 976 Osos St., Rm 200, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408 (805) 781-5600.

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Lead Agency Contact Person (Name, Number, E-mail)

If filed by applicant:
Attach certified document of exemption finding
Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes [] No []

Signature: [Signature] Date: January 25, 2024

Name: Eric Tolle Title: Senior Planner



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On 02/22/24 the project was Approved by:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Supervisors | <input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision Review Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Dept Hearing Officer | |

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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.

- | | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> |
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| 1. Does this project fall within any exempt class as listed in sections 15301 through 15329 of the State CEQA Guidelines? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Is there a reasonable possibility that the project could have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Is the project inconsistent with any Federal, State, or local law or administrative requirement relating to the environment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Will the project involve substantial public controversy regarding environmental issues? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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.



January 25, 2024

Eric Tolle, Senior Planner

Date