

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:  Mail Stop: A-33  
ARCC-Recorder  
Attn: Karina Ortiz  
1600 Pacific Highway  
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: Mail Stop: 0-368  
County of San Diego,  
Department of General Services  
Attn: Melanie Tylke  
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 410  
San Diego, CA 92123

State Clearinghouse

**SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152**

Project Name: Authorization to Advertise and Award a Construction Manager at Risk Contract for the Renovation of the Substance Use Residential Treatment Services Facility

Project Location: 2300 and 2325 E 7th St., National City, CA 91950 (APNs: 557-150-19-00 and 20)

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of General Services  
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: Renovate the SURTS facility for major mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems, kitchen and laundry facilities, modernizing dormitory rooms and office spaces, and general landscape improvements. Proposed renovations will bring the facility up to current standards of public health and safety to support the continued use for substance use treatment services.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

Date Form Completed: April 26, 2024

County Contact Person: Michael Pietrzak

Telephone: 858-518-9975

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors has approved the above-described project on May 21, 2024 (Item #14) and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]

Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]

Statutory Exemption. C Section(s):

Categorical Exemption. G Sections: 15301 Existing Facilities and 15304 Minor Alterations to Land

G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan

Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.

G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed renovation project at the Substance Use Residential Treatment Services (SURTS) facility is categorically exempt from the CEQA pursuant to Section 15301, as work involves the minor interior alteration of existing facilities and mechanical equipment, involving no expansion of the existing capacity or former use. The proposed alterations and replacement of mechanical, electrical and plumbing equipment will ensure the facility meets current standards of public health and safety for future occupancy and use of the facility. The facility was formerly used as a substance use treatment facility and will continue to be operated as such after the renovations occur. The project is also exempt under Section 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines, as work may also include the replacement of landscaping and minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored in support of the general mechanical, electrical and plumbing work. Additionally, the project will not impact environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern that are designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted by government agencies; does not contribute to cumulative environmental impact; will not have a significant impact on the environment due to unusual circumstances; does not damage scenic resources within a designated state scenic highway; and is not on the list of Hazardous Waste and Substance Sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature:  Telephone: 619-616-9326

Name (Print): Melanie Tylke Title: Environmental Project Manager

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.