



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & BUILDING

PLN-1123
3/22/2018

Notice of Exemption/General Rule Exemption

Project Title and No.: Daou Mountain / Major Grading Permit; GRAD2023-00140; ED24-052

Project Location (Specific address [use APN or description when no situs available]: APN: 026-282-018 / 2730 Hidden Mountain Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446

Project Applicant/Phone No./Email: Daou Family LLC (owner) Heidi Gibson (agent) / 805-234-3171 / heidi@studio-2g.com

Applicant Address (Street, City, State, Zip): 2740 Hidden Mountain Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

A request by Daou Family LLC for a major grading permit (GRAD2023-00140) to allow for road widening required for the driveway to the Daou tasting room to meet current code requirements for CalFire. The proposed project will disturb approximately 2.3-acres of the 86.26-acre parcel, including 600-cubic-yards of cut and 7500-cubic-yards of fill. The proposed parcel is within the Agriculture land use category and is located approximately 4 miles from the Paso Robles Urban Reserve Line. The site is within the Adelaida Sub-area of the North County Planning Area.

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

Exempt Status/Findings: This project is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this project may have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, the activity is not subject to CEQA. [Reference: State CEQA Guidelines sec. 15061(b)(3), General Rule Exemption].

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is to construct a widened driveway on an Agriculture land use parcel to meet CalFire code requirements. The grading activities are located within sparsely vegetated and previously disturbed areas of the parcel and will result in minimum vegetation removal. No known special status plant or wildlife species or resources are known to have habitats within the area. The project does not impact any scenic resources for any officially designated scenic highways. The project does not involve or cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this project may have a significant effect on the environment.

Additional Information: Additional information pertaining to this notice of general rule 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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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>
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.

Lead Agency Contact Person Dominic Dal Porto | ddalporto@co.slo.ca.us | 805-781-5710

Signature: Domin Dal Porto Date: April 11, 2024

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

On April 10, 2024 the project was Approved by:

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