



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO  
 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & BUILDING  
 Notice of Common-Sense Exemption

PLN-1124  
 3/22/2018

Project Title and No.: Cannabis Clean-up Ordinance Amendment; LRP2023-00013 (ED24-010)

<b>Project Location (Specific address [use APN or description when no situs available]):</b> Countywide	<b>Project Applicant/Agent/Phone No./Email:</b> County Of San Luis Obispo / Kip Morais / (805) 781-5136 / kmorais@co.slo.ca.us <b>Applicant/Agent Address (Street, City, State, Zip):</b> 976 Osos Street Room 200, San Luis Obispo, CA, 93408
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**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** County of San Luis Obispo

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

Hearing to consider amendments to the Land Use Ordinance (Title 22 of the County Code) and Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance (Title 23 of the County Code) relating to Cannabis Activities (LRP2023-00013). The proposed amendments include modifying regulations pertaining to expiration of cannabis cultivation permits, hours of operation for non-storefront retail dispensaries, and abatement procedures and cost recovery relating to unpermitted cannabis activities. All Districts. All Districts.

**Exempt Status/Findings:** This project is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The County of San Luis Obispo determines that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment; the activity is not subject to CEQA. [Reference: State CEQA Guidelines sec. 15061(b)(3), Common Sense Exemption]

These amendments are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that it will have a significant effect on the environment (CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3)), will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment (CEQA Guidelines §15060(c)(2)), consists of regulations to streamline the public abatement, cost recovery and administrative fine process related to cannabis activities to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of natural resources and the environment (Class 7 and Class 8, CEQA Guidelines §§15307, 15308), and relates to the enforcement of laws, general rules, standards, or objectives, administered and adopted by the County (Class 21, CEQA Guidelines §15321).

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The County of San Luis Obispo Department of Planning and Building has reviewed the proposed activity and has identified that it qualifies for an exemption

from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061 (b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) of the State CEQA Guidelines (Chapter 3 of Division 6 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations) and has determined that the proposed activity will not have a significant effect on the environment.

The proposed ordinance amendments qualify for a Common-Sense Exemption because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that it will have a significant effect on the environment (CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3)), will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment (CEQA Guidelines §15060(c)(2)), consists of regulations to streamline the public abatement, cost recovery and administrative fine process related to cannabis activities to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of natural resources and the environment (Class 7 and Class 8, CEQA Guidelines §§15307, 15308), and relates to the enforcement of laws, general rules, standards, or objectives, administered and adopted by the County (Class 21, CEQA Guidelines §15321).

**Additional Information:** Additional information pertaining to this notice of exemption may be obtained by reviewing the third page of this document and by contacting the Environmental Coordinator, 976 Osos St., Rm 300, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408 (805) 781-5600.

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On July 9, 2024 the project was Approved by:

- Board of Supervisors       Subdivision Review Board       Other  
 Planning Commission       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>
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.

  
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for Eric Hughes, Principal Environmental Specialist

July 24, 2022

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Date