



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

PLN-1123
3/22/2018

Project Title and No.: SLO Country Club / Minor Use Permit; N-DRC2023-00056 (ED24-102-PL)

Table with 2 columns: Project Location (255 Country Club Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401) and Project Applicant/Phone No./Email (San Luis Obispo Golf and Country Club, 805-543-3400, manager@slocc.net). Applicant Address (255 Country Club Drive, SLO, CA 93401) is also listed.

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project

A request by the San Luis Obispo Golf and Country Club for a Minor Use Permit (N-DRC2023-00056) to modify the allowed fence height to 35 feet for safety netting between the existing golf course and tennis courts. This includes the replacement of 324 linear feet of existing safety netting with an extension of 121 linear feet for additional protection. Safety netting was previously approved by Minor Use Permit D940003P. The proposed project is located within the Recreation land use category and is located at 255 Country Club Drive, approximately 1.5 miles south of the City of San Luis Obispo. The site is in the San Luis Obispo Sub Area North of the San Luis Obispo Planning Area.

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

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. 15301; Class: 1}
Statutory Exemption {Sec. ___}
General Rule Exemption. {Sec. 15061(b)(3)}
Not a Project ___

Reasoning for General Rule Exemption

The project qualifies for a General Rule Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), which states that activities are exempt from CEQA if it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. Given the specific nature of this project, which involves actions that do not result in any substantial physical changes to the environment, it clearly falls under this exemption. This project involves administrative, organizational, or personnel-related activities, or involves activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. Thus, the project inherently carries no potential for significant environmental impact, justifying its classification under the General Rule Exemption.

In addition, the project site is not located within a sensitive resource area or critical habitat. The installation of each pole will result in minimal ground disturbance, affecting less than a square meter of surface area per pole. Unlike reflective surfaces that often cause fatal bird strikes, the netting will be bird friendly. Furthermore, the netting may serve as an additional resting place for various bird species, enhancing the site's compatibility with local wildlife. The extension will be 121 feet in length and will be located between the existing tennis courts and golf green. Both facilities are used daily and are highly disturbed. These factors contribute to the

determination that the project will have no significant impact on the environment, supporting its qualification for a General Rule Exemption.

Reasoning for Categorical Exemption

The project is also eligible for an Existing Structures Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, which includes the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The scope of work proposed aligns with these criteria as it pertains to the repair and maintenance of existing structures without significantly increasing the existing capacity or footprint of the facilities. Such activities do not involve significant alterations to the structures or the environment, ensuring minimal environmental impact. This classification ensures the project benefits from streamlined CEQA processing while still adhering to environmental protection principles.

Approval by the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC)

The project received approval from the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC), confirming its compliance with the Airport Land Use Plan and ensuring it poses no conflicts with airport operations or safety protocols. The ALUC's review process thoroughly evaluated the potential impacts of the safety netting extension on air navigation and concluded that the project would not interfere with air traffic or airport operations. The netting's design and height were found to be consistent with aviation safety standards, and its location does not penetrate any critical airspace. This approval underscores the project's alignment with both local land use and aviation safety regulations, further supporting its feasibility and minimal environmental impact.

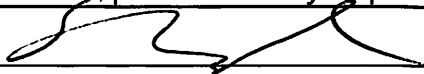
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Lead Agency Contact Person

Telephone

<p>If filed by applicant:</p> <p>1. Attach certified document of exemption finding</p> <p>2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Signature:  Date: July 02, 2024

Name: Shawn Monk Title: Project Manager

On July 19, 2024, the project was Approved by:

- Board of Supervisors
- Subdivision Review Board
- Other Planning Dept. Staff
- 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.


Eric Hughes, Principal Environmental Specialist


Date