



## Notice of Exemption/General Rule Exemption

**Project Title and No.:** Garl Outdoor Storage Minor Use Permit; N-DRC2023-00035 / ED24-157

**Project Location and APN:**

Southwest corner of Autumn Place and Winterhaven Way (APN:091-402-005)

**Project Applicant/Phone No./Email:**

Keith Garl / 805-896-7749 / [A1TreeServiceNipomo@gmail.com](mailto:A1TreeServiceNipomo@gmail.com)

**Applicant Address (Street, City, State, Zip):**

1036 Mesa Road, Nipomo, California 93444

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

A request by Kieth Garl for a Minor Use Permit to allow for the establishment of an approximately 39,500-square-foot fenced outdoor storage yard. The project will result in the disturbance of approximately 43,650 square-feet on a 5.88 acre parcel. The proposed project is within the Industrial land use category. The project is located at the southwest corner of Autumn Place and Winterhaven Way (APN:091-402-005), within Callender-Garrett Village. The site is in the South County Inland Sub Area of the South 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:** The project involves the establishment of an outdoor storage yard utilizing 39,400 square feet of an approximately 5.88-acre parcel. Proposed site improvements include grubbing, perimeter fencing with a sliding gate door to access the storage area, and installation of a decomposed granite road base within the 39,400 square foot fenced area.

The proposed project is estimated to generate nine trips per weekday and two General Public weekday PM peak hour trips per County Resolution 2008-152 and 2017-253. Based on this level of traffic volume, the project is not expected to create any peak hour impacts (weekday or weekend days). A Roadway Safety Audit (RSA) was conducted for Winterhaven Road and a portion of State Route 1 to reach the 0.5-mile study area in the vicinity of the project site per County Resolution 2008-152 and 2017-253. Based on the criteria outlined in the RSA requirements, the project is not expected to create a need for roadway improvements. Existing roadway networks are constructed to accommodate any additional traffic generated from this proposed use.

~~The only construction and site improvements proposed are to address regulations for storage yards as required by County Code Section 22.30.560 as it relates to site surfacing and perimeter fencing as allowed under County Code Section 22.10.080. No construction is proposed or required to establish the use, but the applicant will be required to comply with the California Fire Code, California Building Code, the Public Resources Code, and any other applicable fire laws. No mitigation measures are required beyond those required by County ordinances are necessary to address the environmental impacts associated with the~~

~~proposed project.~~ Therefore, as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed 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 Jessica Macrae, [jmacrae@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:jmacrae@co.slo.ca.us), 805-788-2714

Signature: 

Date: 12/4/24

**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

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On November 15, 2024 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 type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning Dept Hearing Officer |                                |