

# Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency): San Benito Co. Resource Mgmt.  
2301 Technology Parkway  
Hollister, CA 95023-2513

County Clerk

County of: San Benito  
1601 Lana Way  
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(Address)

Project Title: Cannabis Application Fee Schedule

Project Applicant: San Benito County Resource Management Agency, 2301 Technology Pkwy, Hollister, CA, 95023

Project Location - Specific: County-wide cannabis application fee schedule.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: San Benito

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Update of the Cannabis Application Fee Schedule, which is based on the actual cost of reviewing the applications established by hourly rates of staff time and reflects the estimated actual cost of the labor, materials, and overhead involved in review of each application.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Benito Co. Resource Management Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Stephanie Reck

Exempt Status: (check one):

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: §15273(a)(1)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Finding: Pursuant to the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act, this project qualifies for an exemption from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines Pursuant to Title 14, §15273(a)(1) for Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Chargers of the California Code of Regulations, said fees are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Evidence: The revision of the San Benito County Cannabis Application Fee Schedule is directly related to §15273(a)(1) as the application fees have been reduced to comply with the necessary staff time required to review and process a cannabis application. In addition, the Cannabis Application Fee Schedule update is consistent with the 2035 San Benito County General Plan for which an EIR was certified and are therefore subject to the provisions of 14 C.C.R. §15183, in that no additional environmental review shall be required. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines 14 C.C.R. § 15183, projects that are consistent with development density established by general plan policies for which an EIR has been certified shall not require additional environmental review, except as might be necessary to examine whether there are project-specific significant effects which are peculiar to the project or its site. The county finds: A) There are no environmental effects that are peculiar to a specific project or the parcel on which a project would be located. B) Amendment of the Title 1 General Provisions; Code Enforcement ordinance on a programmatic level to implement the Principles, Goals, Policies, Standards, Programs, and Implementation Measures have no significant effects that were not analyzed in the prior EIR certified for the adoption of the General Plan. C) There are no potentially significant off-site impacts and cumulative impacts which were not discussed in the prior EIR prepared for the general plan. D) There is no substantial new information which was not known at the time the EIR was certified that previously identified significant effects would have a more severe adverse impact than discussed in the prior General Plan EIR. E) All feasible mitigation measures identified in the prior General Plan EIR will be undertaken On July 21, 2015, the San Benito County Board of Supervisors certified the adoption of a programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the adoption of the 2035 San Benito County 2035 General Plan by the adoption of Resolution No. 2015-58. No subsequent EIR shall be prepared for a project unless there is substantial evidence in light of the whole record that one or more of the circumstances set forth in CEQA Guidelines, 14 C.C.R. § 15162 (a)(1) - (3) have been determined to have occurred.

Lead Agency  
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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

Signature:  Date: 12-13-24

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant