

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Mail Stop: 0-368  
County of San Diego  
General Services  
Attn: Marcus Lubich  
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 410  
San Diego, CA 92123

**SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152**

Project Name: Lease Between the County and Rite of Passage Adolescent Treatment Centers and Schools, Inc – Buildings R2022 and R2023 – San Pasqual Academy - Escondido

Project Locations: 17701 San Pasqual Valley Road, Escondido, CA 92025 (APN: 242-131-06, 242-130-26; 242-140-10)

Project Applicant: County of San Diego General Services  
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: Lease between the County of San Diego on behalf of HHSA and Rite of Passage Adolescent Treatment Centers and Schools, Inc. for approximately 4,266 square feet, including buildings R2022, R2022G, R2023, and R2023G at the San Pasqual Academy (SPA) campus to provide residences with garages and offices for providing a Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) to dependent youth at SPA. There are no improvements or interior alterations as part of this project. The lease term commences on the execution date and expires on December 31, 2025, with four one-year options to extend the lease.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

Date Form Completed: August 29, 2024

County Contact Person: Mike Biondo

Telephone: (858) 239-5337

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Director of General Services has approved the above-described project on December 31, 2024, and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

- Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]
- Statutory Exemption. C Section:
- Categorical Exemption. G Section(s): 15301(l)(3) – Existing Facilities
- G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan
- Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
- G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt:

This lease is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301, Existing Facilities as it involves leasing existing buildings on the San Pasqual Academy (SPA) campus to provide behavior health services to the residents at SPA with no expansion of the existing or former use of the buildings being leased or SPA. The proposed buildings to be leased are not classified as a historic resource pursuant to the Mitigation Negative Declaration prepared for the SPA Major Use Permit Modification in 2006 (SCH#2006071094). Further, no exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to the project. Additionally, the project will not impact environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern that are designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted by government agencies; does not contribute to cumulative environmental impact; will not have a significant impact on the environment due to unusual circumstances; does not damage scenic resources within a designated state scenic highway; and is not on the list of Hazardous Waste and Substance Sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature: Marcus Lubich Telephone: (619) 414-4593

Name (Print): Marcus Lubich Title: Environmental Project Manager

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.