

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency): City of Solana Beach  
635 S. Highway 101  
Solana Beach, CA 92075

County Clerk

County of: San Diego

1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260

San Diego, CA 92101

(Address)

Project Title: City of Solana Beach Climate Action Plan Update

Project Applicant: City of Solana Beach

Project Location - Specific:

Citywide

Project Location - City: Solana Beach

Project Location - County: San Diego

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

The City of Solana Beach is preparing an update to the City of Solana Beach Climate Action Plan (CAP) adopted in 2017. The CAP includes an update to the greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory and evaluates its sources of impact in order to determine measures and implementation actions to reduce emissions. The 2017 CAP aimed for a 50 percent reduction in GHG emissions below 2010 levels by 2035. The CAP update focuses on additional measures to reduce GHG emissions in line with State targets. The CAP update incorporates measures that reflect current technologies, updated policies, and state mandates.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Solana Beach

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Solana Beach

### 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. State type and section number: 15308
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reasons why project is exempt:

The City of Solana Beach Climate Action Plan (CAP) update is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for the Protection of the Environment). Adoption of the CAP update would assure the maintenance, restoration, and enhancement of the environment because measures include increased urban canopy cover by using native, low-water, and non-invasive trees and shrubs in landscaping that would reduce urban heat, absorb stormwater runoff, and filter air pollutants. GHG reductions that would result from the CAP update, such as reduced air pollution and fossil fuel consumption, increased renewable energy and energy efficiency, and reduced vehicle miles traveled would assure enhancement of the environment. The CAP would not result in relaxation of standards involving environmental degradation because CAP measures such as Safe Routes to School, an increase to 100% renewable electricity citywide, and others involve the maintenance of existing programs, standards, or City operations.

### Lead Agency

Contact Person: Dan King

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 858-720-2477

### 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: 4/10/24 Title: Interim City Manager

Signed by Lead Agency     Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_