

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): City of Sierra Madre
232 W Sierra Madre Boulevard
Sierra Madre, California, 91024

County Clerk
County of: Los Angeles
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(Address)

Project Title: Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center Open Space Tentative Parcel Map

Project Applicant: Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center

Project Location - Specific:

700 North Sunnyside Avenue (Assessor's Parcel Number 5761-002-010)

Project Location - City: Sierra Madre Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project would consist of a tentative tract (No. 83966) (tentative map) for the Meadows at Bailey Canyon Specific Plan. The proposed project would subdivide portions of the existing Master Dolorosa in Sierra Madre per the tentative map. The proposed subdivision would include: Forty-two (42) lots containing single family homes (Lots 1-42), six (6) open space lots (Lots A-F), and one (1) open space park area (Lot 43). Sunnyside Avenue, Carter Avenue, "A" Street, "B" Street, and "C" Street would be publicly dedicated streets. Lot A would include ingress access easements for the existing Retreat Center.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Sierra Madre

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: sections 15317 and 15301
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project qualifies for a categorical exemption from CEQA pursuant to sections 15317 and 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines. Section 15317 exempts the establishment of agricultural preserves, the making and renewing of open space contracts under the Williamson Act, or the acceptance of easements or fee interests in order to maintain the open space character of the area. Section 15301 (h) exempts the operation and maintenance of existing public or private structures, facilities, and topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use, and includes maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply reservoirs. The subdivision of real property that does not involve any new construction or change in the existing uses, and it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that it may have a significant effect on the environment, is also exempt from CEQA pursuant to the "common sense" exemption in CEQA Guidelines 15061(b)(3). The activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. If a development project is proposed on any of the parcels, the individual project would be subject to environmental review under CEQA once the scope of the project has been identified.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Clare Lin Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 626-355-7135

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: [Signature] Date: 4/24/2025 Title: Director

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.

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