

**Notice of Exemption**

**Annual Operations and Maintenance Plan for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

The following Notice of Exemption (NOE) covers activities as described in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines. Any Department or Division may qualify for this exemption, as long as the work proposed meets the description as it is included in these guidelines, and is not subject to any of the exceptions found in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA guidelines. Exceptions include: project locations where impacts to hazardous or critical environmental resources may be impacted; projects where there are potentially significant cumulative impacts; projects which may damage scenic resources; hazardous waste sites; sites with historical resources. While these identified descriptions do not directly relate to all activities of each Department or Division, any activity that falls under one or more of the included descriptions could qualify as exempt.

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO: [x]** Clerk of the Board  
County of Santa Barbara  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Room 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

ER23-04 – City of Lompoc Annual Operations and Maintenance Plan, Fiscal Year 2023-2024

**Project Title**

Citywide, Lompoc, Santa Barbara County, California

**Project Location**

The Annual Maintenance Plan includes the following activities undertaken by the City of Lompoc staff and contractors:

The operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing or minor alteration of existing structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, with no expansion of use.

The replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site and have the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

The construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and conversion of existing small structures from one use to another, where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure.

The minor alteration of land, water and/or vegetation, with no removal of healthy, mature trees.

Minor alteration in land use limitation on sites with less than 20% slope and no change in use or density.

Data collection and feasibility studies not involving physical impacts to natural resources or people.

Regulatory actions, as authorized by state law or local ordinance, with procedures to protect and assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource.

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Inspections of public and private properties and equipment to check for performance of an operation, or quality, health or safety, or code compliance. Inspections include, but are not limited to, compliance inspection activities conducted by Police, Fire, Building, Code Enforcement, Planning, CDBG, Redevelopment, Wastewater, and Storm Water.

Construction / placement of minor structures for public use on public property, accessory to existing facilities (signs, small parking lots, antennas, lifeguard towers, and portable restrooms).

Sale of surplus City property, except for parcels located in areas of statewide, regional or area-wide significance.

Acquisition of lands for fish and wildlife conservation purposes.

Division of property into four or fewer conforming lots, when the division is not a part of a larger common plan of development and the property has a slope of less than 20%.

The acquisition, sale or other transfer of land to establish a park, where the land is in a natural condition or contains historical or archaeological resources, and a management plan has not been prepared or the area is to remain in a natural condition and/or will preserve historic or archaeological resources.

Establishment of open space contracts or easements.

Changes in local agency organization/reorganization to establish a subsidiary district, consolidate two or more districts with identical powers, or merge a city with a district wholly within the City.

Enforcement or revocation of a permit, license, certificate or other entitlement-for-use adopted or prescribed by the regulatory agency, including, but not limited to: referral of a violation to the City Attorney; action to revoke a lease, permit, license certificate or entitlement for use, or enforcing the general rule, standard, or objective; and law enforcement activities by a peace officer acting under any law that provides a criminal sanction.

Beginning, modifying or terminating educational or training programs, in existing structures, that do not involve exterior physical changes.

Normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where the same or similar activity has occurred for the past three years, including, but not limited to, swimming pools and auditoriums.

The transfer of ownership of interest in land to preserve open space, habitat or historic resources.

Action by a Redevelopment Agency, Housing Authority, or other public agency to implement an adopted Housing Assistance Plan, by acquiring an interest in housing units that are either in existence, or possessing all required permits for construction at the time the agency makes its final decision to acquire the units.

This exemption consists of leasing of newly-constructed or previously unoccupied, privately-owned facilities by a local agency, where the building's construction was exempt from CEQA, as determined by the local lead agency.

Minor clean-up actions to prevent, minimize, stabilize, mitigate or eliminate the release or threat of release of a hazardous waste or substance, which are small or medium removal actions costing \$1 million or less, including, but not limited to maintenance of berms, dikes or surface impoundments, and proper removal and shipping of hazardous materials.

Maintenance, repair, stabilization, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, conservation or reconstruction of historical resources consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer.

Infill development, meeting applicable requirements of the section.

Small habitat restoration.

The beneficiaries of this project are the residents of the City of Lompoc.

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

City of Lompoc

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project**

City of Lompoc

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project**

**[x] Categorical Exemption:**

The proposed activities identified above and included in the Annual Operations and Maintenance Plan have been determined to be exempt from CEQA, based on their conformity with Sections 21084 and the Sections 15300 to 15332 found in the CEQA Guidelines.

**Reasons why project is exempt**

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