

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Recorder/County Clerk
Attn: Jordan Z. Markks
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: County of San Diego
SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE, PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP, M.S. O-302
Attn: David Sibbet, Fire Services Coordinator

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

Project Name: Ratification of the 2026 Consolidated Fire Code and the 2026 Wildland-Urban Interface Code, and repeal of the 2023 Consolidated Fire Code

Project Location: The unincorporated area of the County of San Diego

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, San Diego County Fire

Address: 5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92123

Telephone Number: (858) 974-5999

Project Description: Adopt ordinances ratifying the 2023 Consolidated Fire Code and the 2026 Wildland-Urban Interface Code, and the repeal of the 2023 Consolidated Fire Code

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: David Sibbet Telephone Number: (619) 672-7112

Date Form Completed: December 8, 2025

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors has approved the above-described project on February 10, 2026 / Item # and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

1. 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:
 - ☒ 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.
 - ☐ G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan
 - ☐ G 15183 – Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning
 - ☐ Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
2. Mitigation measures ☐ were ☒ not made a condition of the approval of the project.
3. A Mitigation reporting or monitoring plan ☐ was ☒ not adopted for this project.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: The adoption of ordinances is not a "project" as defined in the Public Resources Code section 21065 and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15378 and therefore is not subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15060(c)(3). A project, as defined by CEQA, is the whole of an action that has the potential to result in either a direct or physical change or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change to the environment. An action that restates or codifies existing law is not a project under CEQA because it does not cause physical changes to the environment. In addition, the ordinances do not authorize or ban any development or exempt any project from CEQA review, and therefore there is no possibility that their adoption may have a significant effect on the environment. Alternatively, the adoption of ordinances is subject to the commonsense exemption in CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that adopting the ordinances may have a significant effect on the environment.

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

Signature: _____ Telephone: (619) 672-7112

Name (Print): David Sibbet Title: Fire Services Coordinator

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.