

Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk
County of: Yolo
625 Court Street, #B01
Woodland, CA 95695

From: (Public Agency): Yolo County Department of
Community Services
292 West Beamer Street
Woodland, CA 95695

Project Title: South Davis Library Project

Project Applicant: Yolo County Department of Community Services

Project Location - Specific:

The 1.70-acre project site, identified by Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 069-460-055, is located east of the intersection of Lillard Drive and Cowell Boulevard in the City of Davis, California, on the western portion of the existing grass sports field at Walnut Park. Surrounding existing uses include duplex and single-family residences to the north, across Lillard Drive; Walnut Park and Marguerite Montgomery Elementary School to the east; a playground, bike path, and single-family residences to the south; and Walnut Park tennis courts, Peregrine School, and an apartment complex to the west. The City of Davis General Plan designates the site as Parks/Recreation and the site is zoned Planned Development 12-87 (PD 12-87) with a subzone of Park.

Project Location - City: Davis Project Location - County: Yolo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The South Davis Library Project (proposed project) would include the development of a 12,400-square-foot (sf) public library, which would consist of a library collection and reading space; a children's activity room; a staff support area; a community room; and various support spaces. Events at the library would be limited to public programs. The library would be single-story with a maximum building height of 24 feet. Primary site access would be provided by a new driveway off Lillard Drive, which would connect to a new surface parking lot. The new parking lot would include 40 parking stalls, located in the northern portion of the project site, and would connect to the existing 65 stall Walnut Park parking lot. In addition, an accessible pedestrian path would connect the project site to the existing public sidewalk along Lillard Drive. The proposed project would also include an on-site covered bike storage area connected to the outdoor entry plaza, as well as a new bike path spur connecting Lillard Drive to the southern portion of the project site. The proposed project would require the County's approval of a Site Plan Review.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Yolo County Department of Community Services

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Yolo County Department of Community Services

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 code number: Section 15332, Class 32.

Reasons why project is exempt:

Article 19 of the CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15300 through 15333, includes a list of classes of projects that have been determined to not have a significant effect on the environment, and are therefore exempt from CEQA. As demonstrated throughout the Categorical Exemption Memorandum prepared by the County, the proposed project qualifies for exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15332, Class 32. For example, the proposed project would be consistent with the General Plan land use designation of Parks/Recreation, and thus, would meet Criterion 15332(a). In addition, the project would meet Criterion 15332(b) by being located within the Davis city limits on an existing grass sports field, and being surrounded by urban uses. The project site does not support habitat for rare, threatened, or endangered species and the applicant would be required to comply with all applicable Yolo Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan (Yolo HCP/NCCP) Avoidance and Minimization Measures (AMMs). Thus, the proposed project would meet

Criterion 15332(c). Furthermore, the proposed project would not result in any significant environmental effects related to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality. The project can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services. As such, the proposed project would meet Criterion 15332(d) and 15332(e). It should also be noted that exceptions to the exemptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 would not apply to the proposed project. Therefore, the proposed project would be considered exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15332, Class 32.

Lead Agency

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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: _____ Title: _____
 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: _____