

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (NOE)

To: ☐ Office of Planning and Research
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From: City of Goleta
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☒ Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara
105 E. Anapamu Street, Room 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101



Subject: Filing of Notice of Exemption

Project Title:

Fuel Depot Signage
Case No. 23-0004-ZC; 23-0006-DRB

Project Applicant:

Dan Morris of Freedom Signs
On behalf of John Price, Owner

Project Location (Address and APN):

370 Storke Road
Goleta, CA 93117
County of Santa Barbara
APN: 073-100-008

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This is a request to alter an existing nonconforming sign to reflect changing the use of part of the property from a coffee shop to a gas station. The existing pole sign is located at the front of the property bordering Storke Road. It will remain 21' in height and the area of the sign will remain unchanged. The size of the upper cabinet is 72 square feet, and it is proposed to be refaced, double-sided, and internally illuminated with electronically changeable copy (ECC) for the fuel prices. The "Fuel Depot" letters are proposed to be 12.7" in height, and the ECC numbers are proposed to be 10.4" inches in height. The lower cabinet sign which reads "Self-Serve Car Wash" is not proposed to be altered.

The purpose of the project is to provide identification for the business. The beneficiary of the project is the business owner.

Name of Public Agency Approving the Project:

Design Review Board of the City of Goleta

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:

Dan Morris of Freedom Signs, on behalf of Fuel Depot, Business

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

☐ Ministerial (Sec. 15268)

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- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269 (a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 15269 (b) (c))
- ☒ Categorical Exemption: § 15311 (a) (On-premise signs)

Reason(s) why the project is exempt:

The proposed project is categorically exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21000, et seq.; "CEQA") and CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 15000, et seq.) and the City's Environmental Review Guidelines. Specifically, the project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15311 (a) (On-premise signs).

Pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code, §§ 21000 et seq.), the regulations promulgated thereunder (14 Cal. Code of Regulations, §§ 15000, et seq.: State CEQA Guidelines), and the City's Environmental Review Guidelines, the project has been found to be exempt from CEQA under Section 15311 of the CEQA Guidelines and a Notice of Exemption is proposed.

The City of Goleta is acting as the Lead Agency for this project. The project has been found to be exempt from CEQA Guidelines per Section 15311 because the project is refacing an existing sign. The proposed signage meets the criteria of Section 15311 as the signs will provide on premise signage as minor accessory structures to a proposed new fuel station.

Moreover, none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions set forth in State CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to the project. The exception set forth in State CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2(a), Location. Class 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located and the project is not located in or have an impact on an environmental resource of critical concern that is designated, precisely mapped, or officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies. The sign will be installed on the site of an existing car wash and proposed new fuel station and there is nothing sensitive around the site. Section 15300.2(b)'s exception, relating to cumulative impacts, does not apply as, there are no other successive projects of the same type in the same place that could result in significant cumulative impacts. Fuel price signage is necessary in the context of the business so that customers will know the cost of fuel. Adding signage to an existing development would not lead to a cumulative impact. Section 15300.2(c)'s exception does not apply because there are no "unusual circumstances" that apply to the project; construction of signs in a commercial district is not unusual and signage needs to be updated and or replaced to identify the current tenants. Section 15300.2(d)'s exception does not apply because the project is not located near any scenic highways. Section 15300.2(e)'s exception does not apply because the project site and off-site improvement locations do not contain hazardous waste and are not on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. Finally, Section 15300.2(f)'s exception does not apply because the project has no potential of causing a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Additionally, the project's site does not contain any identified significant cultural resources and will be conditioned to include all mandatory grading best practices.

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Signature

Title

Date

If filed by the 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

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Note: Authority cited: Section 21083 and 211110, Public Resources Code

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152.1, Public Resources Code