

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (NOE)

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**To:** ☐ Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** City of Goleta  
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B  
Goleta, CA 93117

☒ 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

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**Project Title:**

Google Generators and Improvements  
Case No. 23-0001-SCD

**Project Applicant:**

Walter Grey, Agent  
Google, Property Owner

**Project Location (Address and APN):**

301 Mentor Dr  
Goleta, CA 93117  
County of Santa Barbara  
APN: 071-140-079

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

This is a request for a Conceptual/Preliminary Review to construct a new utility area with visual screening adjacent to the eastern side of the existing building, a new prefabricated workshop surrounded by a security fence, 3 new rooftop HVAC units, and 8 new backup generators at the south side of the existing building. For DRB's information, the Property Owner is changing the interior uses within the building to convert offices into laboratory area which reduces the parking requirements. Seven (7) Tipuana Tipu trees are proposed for removal and no tree replacement is proposed. The existing site has 212 parking spaces and proposed project would reduce total parking by 9 parking spaces to 203 spaces. The 203 parking spaces would exceed the 183 minimum spaces required based on the revised uses proposed within the building (Office and laboratory space).

The property is located in the Inland Area of the City and has a General Plan Land Use and Zoning Designation of Office Institutional (OI). The project does not include a request for any modifications. The proposed project is to be reviewed and approved by the Design Review Board as required by Title 17. The project was filed by Walter Grey on behalf of Google.

**Name of Public Agency Approving the Project:**

City of Goleta

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

Walter Grey, Agent  
Google, Property Owner

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**Exempt Status:** *(check one)*

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269 (a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 15269 (b) (c))
- ☒ Categorical Exemption: § 15301 (Existing Facilities)

**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.). Specifically, the project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15301 (Existing Facilities).

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 15301 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 15301 because the project is the interior and exterior improvements to an existing building. The proposed improvements meet the criteria of Section 15301 as the applicant proposes conversion of office space into laboratory space. The property will continue to be served by existing streets and driveways and will not change the demand on the existing infrastructure services. Further, the project would not alter any biological resources, cultural resources, geologic resources, or site drainage and would not impact visual resources. Therefore, given the minor nature of improvements, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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. 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. Section 15300.2(c)’s exception does not apply because there are no “unusual circumstances” that apply to the project; interior and exterior improvements and new electrical equipment is not considered unusual for a research facility. 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 projects site does not contain any identified significant cultural resources and no grading is proposed.

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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