

City of Elk Grove

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: City of Elk Grove
Development Services-Planning
8401 Laguna Palms Way
Elk Grove, CA 95758

Sacramento County Clerk-Recorder
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Sacramento, CA 95812-0839

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PROJECT TITLE: **AAA Services Building (PLNG20-014)**
PROJECT LOCATION - SPECIFIC: **West side of Bruceville Road, approximately 500 feet north of the intersection of Bruceville Road and Laguna Boulevard**
ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER(S): **116-0011-108**
PROJECT LOCATION – CITY: **Elk Grove** PROJECT LOCATION – COUNTY: **Sacramento**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project consists of a Minor Design Review with Deviations for building height, setback, and landscape planter width for a new ±9,339 square foot automotive service and office building. The Project also includes a Minor Deviation to allow for reduced parking on site as well as a Tree Removal Permit to remove two secured trees.

LEAD AGENCY: **City of Elk Grove**
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APPLICANT: M2 Laguna, LLC
Steve Lefler (Representative)
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Granite Bay, CA 95746

- EXEMPTION STATUS:
- Ministerial [Section 21080(b); 15268];
 - Declared Emergency [Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];
 - Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)];
 - Preliminary Review [Section 15060(c)(3)]
 - Consistent With a Community Plan or Zoning [Section 15183(a)]
 - Statutory Exemption
 - Categorical Exemption [15332]
 - General Rule [Section 15061(b)(3)]
 - Criteria for Subsequent EIR [Section 15162]

REASONS WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT OR DOES NOT REQUIRE FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

CEQA requires analysis of agency approvals of discretionary “projects.” A “project,” under CEQA, is defined as “the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment” (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378). The proposed Project is a project under CEQA.

State CEQA Guidelines Section 15183 (Public Resources Code §21083.3), provides that projects which are consistent with the development density established by a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning for which an environmental impact report (EIR) has been certified “shall not require additional environmental review, except as might be necessary to examine whether there are project-specific significant effects which are peculiar to the project or its site.” An EIR was prepared and certified by the City Council as part of the Elk Grove General Plan (SCH# 2017062058).

The proposed Project is consistent with the development density and use characteristics considered by the General Plan EIR in the Community Commercial land use designation. The Project consists of a Minor Design Review with Deviations for a new ±9,339 square foot automotive service and office building along with associated site improvements including parking and landscaping. The Project also includes a Minor Deviation to allow for reduced parking on site as well as a Tree Removal Permit to remove two protected trees. New construction on the Project site will comply with EGMC development standards for land grading and erosion control (Chapter 16.44), water efficient landscape requirements (Chapter 14.10) as well as EGMC Title 16 (Building and Construction) and Title 22 (Land Development). Compliance with these standards has been included in the conditions of approval for the Project.

In February 2019, the City Council adopted a new General Plan which relies on Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) as a measure of transportation impacts. The Project site is in a pre-screened area as defined by the City’s Transportation Analysis Guidelines adopted with the General Plan. Projects consistent with the EGMC and the General Plan in pre-screened areas are exempt from any further transportation analysis as they are consistent with the VMT projections of the General Plan. The Project complies with the City’s Climate Action Plan (CAP) for new non-residential development, including CAP measures related to energy efficiency (BE-4), photovoltaic installation (BE-7), and Tier 4 Construction equipment (TACM-8).

No potential new impacts related to the Project have been identified that would necessitate further environmental review beyond the impacts and issues already disclosed and analyzed in the General Plan EIR. No other special circumstances exist that would create a reasonable possibility that the Project will have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15183, no further environmental review is required.

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Date: September 18, 2020