

Resolution No. 2024-12-03-1210

STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DIVISION OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS UNDER THE WATERWAY CONNECTIONS INITIATIVE GRANT

The City of Stockton has the authority to construct, operate, and maintain the motorized launch at Louis Park and improvements to the non-motorized boat launch at Louis Park; and

The City of Stockton is requesting a \$700,000 grant from the Division of Boating and Waterways under the Waterway Connections Initiative Grant; and

The City of Stockton desires to enhance, repair, or rebuild and protect the motorized launch at Louis Park and improvements to the non-motorized boat launch at Louis Park to meet the needs of watercraft users and provide other public amenities to those utilizing the facility; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to submit an application to the California Division of Boating and Waterways under the Waterway Connections Initiative Grant.

2. The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to accept the grant award, conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents including applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, and make all necessary and appropriate actions in compliance with the grant terms and provisions of the State of California, Division of Boating and Waterways funding.

3. Authorizing the filing of a Notice of Exemption No. NOE 55-24 under the California Environmental Quality Act, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1 and incorporated by this reference.

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4. The City Manager is authorized to take actions necessary and appropriate to carry out the purpose and intent of this resolution.


PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED: December 3, 2024.





KEVIN J. LINCOLN II
Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:



KATHERINE ROLAND, CMC, CPMC
City Clerk of the City of Stockton

MEMORANDUM

EXHIBIT 1

November 20, 2024

TO: Jordan Peterson, Deputy Director of Redevelopment
Economic Development Department

FROM: Nicole D. Moore, LEED-AP, Contract Planner
Community Development Department

SUBJECT: **CEQA NOE 55-24 – CALIFORNIA DIVISION OF BOATING & WATERWAYS –
LOUIS PARK BOAT LAUNCH PLANNING INITIATIVE**

The Community Development Department received a request to review the above-referenced project for conformity with the Stockton General Plan and make an environmental determination pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The City of Stockton's Economic Development Department is seeking grant funding from the Division of Boating and Waterways (DBAW) to support future improvements to the Louis Park Boat Launch facility. The funding, through the Waters Connection Initiative grant, will enable the City to contract with an engineering firm to develop plans for the proposed enhancements, as outlined in Attachment A – Louis Park Boat Launch Conceptualized Plans. These potential improvements include the addition of an ADA-compliant pathway, a low-profile dock, a boat washing station, enhanced lighting, and a terraced viewing area.

In accordance with Government Code §65402, the Community Development Department determines the project is in conformance with the Stockton General Plan. This determination is based on, but not limited to, conformance with General Plan Policy, LU-6.3 (Land Use) stating, "Ensure that all neighborhoods have access to well-maintained public facilities and utilities that meet community service needs."

Concerning the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination, the Community Development Department concludes the project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA Guidelines as it involves the restoration and rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities and equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety. The project is also not subject to any of the exceptions to the use of a Categorical Exemption listed at CEQA Guidelines §15300.2.

Upon approval by City Council, the Economic Development Department is advised to complete the attached Notice of Exemption (**Attachment B**) and file it with the San Joaquin County Clerk Office to initiate a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges. Please retain a copy of the original posted notice within the project file in the Economic Development Department project file.

By: 

Nicole D. Moore, LEED-AP, Contract Planner

Attachments

Attachment A: Request and Project Location
Attachment B: Draft Notice of Exemption

MEMORANDUM

November 20, 2024

TO: Nicole Moore, Contract Planner
Community Development Department

FROM: Jordan Peterson, Deputy Director of Redevelopment
Economic Development Department

SUBJECT: **CALIFORNIA DIVISION OF BOATING & WATERWAYS – LOUIS PARK
BOAT LAUNCH PLANNING INITIATIVE**

Please provide the appropriate environmental review for the above-referenced project as described below:

Project Title: Louis Park Boat Launch Planning Initiative

Applicant: City of Stockton – Economic Development Department

Description/Location: Planning activities, including engineering and design, for Louis Park motorized and non-motorized boat launch improvements.

The City of Stockton is seeking grant funding from the Division of Boating and Waterways (DBAW) to support future improvements to the Louis Park Boat Launch facility. The funding, through the Waters Connection Initiative grant, will enable the City to contract with an engineering firm to develop plans for the proposed enhancements, as outlined in Attachment A – Louis Park Boat Launch Conceptualized Plans. These potential improvements include the addition of an ADA-compliant pathway, a low-profile dock, a boat washing station, enhanced lighting, and a terraced viewing area.

Additionally, the engineering firm will be responsible for obtaining any necessary permits related to the proposed improvements as well as conducting hydrographic or bathymetric surveys. Should subsequent environmental reviews be required for project implementation, City staff will carry out the necessary evaluations to ensure compliance with CEQA.

Also, please make the required determination as to conformity to the General Plan in accordance with Section 65402 of the Government Code. If you have questions regarding this request, please contact me at extension 8506.



JORDAN PETERSON
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF REDEVELOPMENT

Attachment



**CITY OF STOCKTON
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

TO: COUNTY CLERK
COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN
44 N. San Joaquin St., Ste. 260
Stockton, CA 95202

FROM: Lead Agency
City of Stockton
c/o Economic Development Dept.
400 E. Main St., 4th Floor
Stockton, CA 95202

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21152(B) AND CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE 14, SECTION 15062

PROJECT DATA

Project Title: California Division of Boating & Waterways – Louis Park Boat Launch Planning Initiative
CEQA Exemption File No.: NOE 55-24
Applicant: City of Stockton, Economic Development Department
Project Description/Location: The City of Stockton's Economic Development Department is seeking grant funding from the Division of Boating and Waterways (DBAW) to support future improvements to the Louis Park Boat Launch facility. The funding, through the Waters Connection Initiative grant, will enable the City to contract with an engineering firm to develop plans for the proposed enhancements, as outlined in Attachment A – Louis Park Boat Launch Conceptualized Plans. These potential improvements include the addition of an ADA-compliant pathway, a low-profile dock, a boat washing station, enhanced lighting, and a terraced viewing area.

DETERMINATION/FINDING OF EXEMPTION

The above-described activity/project is exempt from the environmental assessment requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the following section(s) of the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14):

- _____ The activity is not a "project" as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.
_____ The activity is exempt under the "general rule" at CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(B)(3).
_____ The project is "Statutorily Exempt" per CEQA Guidelines Section: _____
 X The project is "Categorically Exempt" per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(d).

BASIS FOR FINDING OF EXEMPTION

- _____ The activity does not qualify as a project and/or clearly could not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, CEQA does not apply.
 X The activity constitutes a discretionary project under the City's jurisdiction and qualifies as a project which has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, is exempt from the provisions of CEQA under the above-noted statutory or categorical exemption(s).

CARRIE WRIGHT, DIRECTOR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

November 20, 2024
(DATE OF PREPARATION)

By _____
Jordan Peterson, Deputy Director of Redevelopment

(DATE OF FINAL APPROVAL)

AFFIDAVIT OF FILING AND POSTING

I declare that on the date stamped above, I received and posted this notice or included it on a list of such notices which was posted as required by California Public Resources Code Section 21152(B). Said notice or list of notices will remain posted for 35 days from the filing date.

Signature

Title

Posting Period Ending Date