

# Notice of Exemption

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**Project Title:** LAFCO File No. 7-S-25 | Shandon – San Juan Water District Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study

**Project Location:** The Shandon – San Juan Water District (SSJWD) is located in the northeastern unincorporated area of San Luis Obispo County.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, & Beneficiaries of Project:** The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) has prepared a Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence (SOI) Study for SSJWD pursuant to Government Code Section 56430 and Section 56425. The SOI is a 20-year growth boundary that includes areas that may be served by the District in the future. State law requires the MSR to be completed either prior to or concurrent with the SOI study. The MSR evaluates the public services provided by the District and is used as the basis for any changes to the SOI. The Commission took action to reaffirm SSJWD’s SOI to remain coterminous to the service area boundary as depicted in Attachment A, Exhibit C of the LAFCO December 18, 2025, staff report found on the LAFCO website at <https://slo.lafco.ca.gov/>. The Commission also established that all services available under Water Code Section 34000 are active with the exception of exportation of water and sewer services which are considered latent powers.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** The San Luis Obispo County LAFCO conducted a noticed public hearing on December 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers in San Luis Obispo at the County Government Center. Additional information is available on the LAFCO website at <https://slo.lafco.ca.gov/>.

**Exemption Status: (check one)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption: Section 15306
<input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemptions: State code number
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c));	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: General Rule Exemption, Section 15061(b)(3)

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** It has been determined with certainty that the MSR and SOI Study is categorically exempt under Class 6, Section 15306, and the MSR and SOI Study also qualifies for a general rule exemption under Section 15061(b)(3). There is no possibility that this MSR and SOI Study may have a significant effect on the environment because there are no land use changes associated with the documents; therefore, the SSJWD MSR and SOI Study is found to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15306 and Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines. LAFCO will file this Notice of Exemption upon approval of the MSR and SOI Study.

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Rob Fitzroy, Executive Officer

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