



## WEEKLY REPORT OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW (“Courtesy Notice”)

The purpose of the environmental review process is to provide information about the environmental effects of the actions and decisions made by the County, so that these considerations become a part of the decision-making process. The following is a summary of the most recent determinations made by the County’s Environmental Coordinator; these weekly Courtesy Notices can be viewed online at [slocounty.ca.gov/CourtesyNotice](http://slocounty.ca.gov/CourtesyNotice). The purpose of this listing is to notify the public of pending actions, which may affect the environment of San Luis Obispo County. You are invited to participate in this process by reviewing and providing comments on the recommendations of the Environmental Coordinator. Your comments should be addressed to the Environmental Coordinator (address at end of document). For more information about the environmental review process, please visit: [slocounty.ca.gov/EnvironmentalReview](http://slocounty.ca.gov/EnvironmentalReview)

### Proposed Negative Declarations

A Negative Declaration is issued for projects that would not result in significant effects on the environment. In many cases, the project applicant has added mitigation measures to the project to reduce environmental impacts in order to qualify for a Negative Declaration. If you disagree with the issuance of a proposed Negative Declaration, you may provide comments or file a Request for Review (appeal) of the Negative Declaration. Requests for Review must be filed within two weeks of the date that the proposed Negative Declaration is posted and must address only environmental issues. There is a fee for the request. If you would like more information about this process, please contact the Environmental Coordinator.

**For the weeks of December 2, 2022 – December 21, 2022** (click each individual project title to view the documents on our [CSS Portal](#))

#### Mitigated Negative Declaration

[New Probation Department Building \(ED21-133\)](#)

SCH Number: [2021100410](#)

The San Luis Obispo County Department of Public Works (County) proposes to construct a new Probation Department building (project). The project is located at the existing approximate 22-acre County-owned Johnson Avenue Campus within the City of San Luis Obispo, in the San Luis Obispo planning area (San Luis Obispo Sub Area North), in supervisorial District 3 (Figure 1 – Vicinity Map). The goals of the project include:

- Provide the appropriate amount and types of spaces tailored to the needs of a modern-day probation department;
- Consolidate Probation functions to allow shared operations and reduce interdepartmental travel;
- Improve convenience and access for public clients;
- Create a positive environment for clients and employees; and
- Include secured, gated parking for County vehicles and personnel vehicles.

The County plans to construct an approximate 35,000-square-foot, two-story, office building with support spaces, secure staff parking and public/visitor parking (Figures 2-3). The new building would include office space, interview rooms, training rooms, conference rooms, evidence room, armory, secured sally port, break rooms, locker and changing rooms, restrooms with showers, public lobby, secured parking for Probation employee’s vehicles and Department vehicles with clear definition between staff and public access areas, and an emergency generator. The project would provide room for up to approximately 130 employees, which would include 114 from the current Probation offices on Johnson and Prado Roads and accommodate up to 16 additional employees. In addition to the new building, the project includes the



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construction of up to 141 parking spaces, stormwater detention facilities, electrical and other utility connections and upgrades, as well as internal road improvements. The existing Probation Department building, located adjacent to the proposed project, is an 80-year-old, 11,812-square-foot building called Casa Loma that was historically used as a tuberculosis sanitarium. Probation Officers work in undersized office spaces, there is a shortage of group meeting rooms, and several of them are connected to adjoining offices which is inefficient and lacks privacy for staff and clients. The Casa Loma facility does not provide enough space for current Probation operations and personnel, nor for future needs. Additional Probation staff is currently located at a leased space on Prado Road and would relocate to the new facility. The existing building would potentially be demolished in the future; however, because of the uncertainty regarding future uses, they are not considered in this document. The project intent is to build a user-friendly, accessible, safe, and healthy environment for Probation staff and the public. Security will be an important part of this new building. The building's design and construction shall meet California Title 24 Codes, State Storm Water Requirements, and County Building Standards. The project is located on a County-owned parcel and therefore the County of San Luis Obispo Department of Planning and Building will have jurisdiction and oversight for review, approval, permitting and final occupancy for the facility. The project will require City Fire Department review and approval and an encroachment permit for connection to City utilities, street frontage improvements, and work in the public right-of-way. The building's design would incorporate the latest green building codes, State stormwater requirements, and energy and water saving features