Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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2301 Technology Parkway
Hollister, CA 95023-2513

Project Title: PLN200016 (Special Plan Review)

Project Applicant: Ryan S. and Cheree Y. Ashley

Project Location - Specific: 5580 Diablo Hills Road, near Tres Pinos (Assessor’s Pcl. 022-300-017)

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: San Benito

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The applicant proposes a 3,000-square-foot accessory building for personal use by the property owner, including vehicle storage and workshop.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Benito Co. Resource Management Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Ryan S. and Cheree Y. Ashley

Exempt Status: (check one):

☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: §15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: __________________________

Reasons why project is exempt: The project would construct an accessory building, permissible in the site’s zoning district when considered under a special plan review permit (administrative minor use permit) as requested by this application. The proposed structure constitutes a smaller extent of change than the examples specified and granted CEQA exemption in the aforementioned State CEQA Guidelines section. The site has not been identified as having environmental properties requiring special attention, and the project would be subject to conditions of approval addressing better environmental practices. More intensive use of the structure beyond personal purposes would potentially require further discretionary review by the County.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Michael Kelly, Associate Planner Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 831 902-2287

If filed by 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

Signature: Michael Kelly Date: April 29, 2020 Title: Associate Planner

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: __________________________