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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
EERE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CENTER
NEPA DETERMINATION

RECIPIENT: County of San Luis Obispo **STATE:** CA

PROJECT TITLE: EECBG: Bike Lane Activity

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000013	DE-EE0000903		0

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have made the following determination:

CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:

Description:

B5.1 Actions to conserve energy, demonstrate potential energy conservation, and promote energy-efficiency that do not increase the indoor concentrations of potentially harmful substances. These actions may involve financial and technical assistance to individuals (such as builders, owners, consultants, designers), organizations (such as utilities), and state and local governments. Covered actions include, but are not limited to: programmed lowering of thermostat settings, placement of timers on hot water heaters, installation of solar hot water systems, installation of efficient lighting, improvements in generator efficiency and appliance efficiency ratings, development of energy-efficient manufacturing or industrial practices, and small-scale conservation and renewable energy research and development and pilot projects. The actions could involve building renovations or new structures in commercial, residential, agricultural, or industrial sectors. These actions do not include rulemakings, standard-settings, or proposed DOE legislation.

A11 Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

Rational for determination:

The County of San Luis Obispo, California proposes to use $192,000 of EECBG funding for Construction of Class II Bicycle Lanes in Templeton, CA on Main Street from Ramada Drive. This activity will require road widening, clearning, grading, and paving activities.

The existing pavement width on Main Street is ~26' with 1.5:1 slopes. The project will widen the pavement 10' on the east side with minor widening on the west/south side to transition the pavement. Minor grading and paving activities will occur during the project and the entire length of widening will be approximately 600 feet; road slopes will remain at 1.5:1. The area to be widened is located in a disturbed area consisting of fill material and was surveyed in March 2010 for potential biological and environmental constraints.

Based on the March 2010 survey, no biological or cultural resources were identified as the project area is disturbed and consists of fill material. Therefore, impacts to archaeological and biological resources are not expected.

The County of San Luis Obispo is seeking a Categorical Exclusion pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and will submit a copy to the DOE as soon as it is received. All other environmental permits (i.,e., Army Corps of Engineers, Section 404 Nationwide Permit 12; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Section 401 Water Quality Certification; and CDFG, Section 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement for activities within the tops of banks or outer edges of riparian canopies of drainages) have been considered and none are required.

Because the project will disturb more than 1 acre, a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit must be obtained prior to the onset of project activities.

Prior to the expenditure of Federal funds to implement any of the above-mentioned activities, the County of San Luis Obispo has the affirmative responsibility to ensure that it has a waste management plan addressing waste generated by their proposed actions. The plan will describe the plan to dispose of any sanitary or hazardous waste, e.g. construction and demolition debris, old light bulbs, lead ballasts, piping, roofing materials, discarded equipment, debris, asbestos, etc. generated as a result of the proposed project. The recipient must ensure that it will comply with all federal, state and local regulations for waste disposal.

The roadway widening for bike lanes Project will save motor vehicle fuel and reduce GHG emissions by an undetermined amount. This action will utilize technical advice and planning to conserve energy, and is therefore categorically excluded under NEPA under B5.1, Actions to Conserve Energy and A11, Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

Note to Specialist :

None Given.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____ Date: 4/20/10

NEPA Compliance Officer

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION

☐ Field Office Manager review required

NCO REQUESTS THE FIELD OFFICE MANAGER REVIEW FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

☐ Proposed action fits within a categorical exclusion but involves a high profile or controversial issue that warrants Field Office Manager's attention.

☐ Proposed action falls within an EA or EIS category and therefore requires Field Office Manager's review and determination.

BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :

Field Office Manager's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Field Office Manager