

## Murray, Dillan

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**From:** SP Conservancy <conservancysp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2024 10:25 AM  
**To:** Murray, Dillan  
**Cc:** Susan & John Kulwicz  
**Subject:** Public Comment to VCCHB | 2/26/24 | Item 6a

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Dear Dillan:

When the County annexed the City's Fire Department in 2018, with a promise to upgrade Santa Paula's fire stations, the County Fire and Public Works departments became, at that time, the most significant potential developers within Santa Paula's historic core.

Partly for that reason, in 2019, we called attention to this Fire Station's historic status, and we asked the city of Santa Paula to include its eligible district boundary in the City's General Plan update, so that it would be clear to everyone that the buildings within that boundary, including the Fire Station, were CEQA protected resources. In response to our request, the City took no action that we are aware of.

In the same year, we also flagged the Fire Station's historic status directly to then Fire Chief Lorenzen. The department, at that time, was publishing photos that documented a significant exterior change to the building's principle facade, removing its original historic sign without any review, or study of the potential impacts and alternatives. At this time, we also received no response.

In 2020 the Board of Supervisors approved, on consent, Public Work's application to demolish this historic resource. The Notoce of Exemption that Public Works filed with their application simply ignored, that is, never spoke to, or addressed, the fact that the Fire Station was a CEQA protected structure.

The Santa Paula Fire Station demolition has never been properly noticed as the demolition of a Historic Resource, and the public has never had the required opportunity to provide input on this specific scope. Rather, the application approved by the Supervisors clearly demonstrates that the input we provided to the City, and the County, was consistently ignored, and at a time when the City and the County maintained their established working relationship regarding this project.

I respectfully appeal to the Cultural Heritage Board to refer this agenda item to the Board of Supervisors, and to join our appeal to the Supervisors to revoke their approval for this project for cause, and to require that no demolition be permitted to this structure, and that the developer be required to provide the CEQA-required EIR for this structure prior to proceeding.

Any private developer would be subject to a stop work order were a deficiency of this magnitude found to be present in their application and approval. The people of Ventura County deserve the confidence of knowing that the same rules apply to our County Agencies and Departments.

Sincerely,

Gabriel Zamora  
Santa Paula Conservancy - President

**2020 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**

Complete the information and submit with each set of documents presented for filing. Please provide an original set and (3) three sets of copies for filing.



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Ventura County Clerk and Recorder  
 MARK A. LUNN  
 04/27/2020 10:29:20 AM  
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RECEIPT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

LEAD AGENCY <b>Public Works Agency</b>		LEAD AGENCY EMAIL <b>Chris.Cooper@ventura.org</b>		DATE <b>4-27-2020</b>
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING <b>Ventura County California</b>				DOCUMENT NUMBER
PROJECT TITLE <b>Ventura County Fire Station No. 29</b>				
PROJECT APPLICANT NAME <b>Brian D'Anna</b>		PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL <b>brian.danna@ventura.org</b>		PHONE NUMBER <b>805 654-2025</b>
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS <b>800 S. Victoria Avenue</b>		CITY <b>Ventura</b>	STATE <b>CA</b>	ZIP CODE <b>93003-1670</b>
PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Public Agency <input type="checkbox"/> School District <input type="checkbox"/> Other Special District <input type="checkbox"/> State Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Private Entity				

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,343.25	\$	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,406.75	\$	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program document (CRP)	\$1,136.50	\$	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee	\$50.00	\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	_____

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

Cash     Credit     Check     Other

**TOTAL RECEIVED**    \$    50.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE <b>PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY</b>
Date <b>4.27.20</b>	Telephone Number <b>805.654.2025</b>

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: COUNTY CLERK  
COUNTY OF VENTURA

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY  
Chris Cooper, Engineering Services Dept.

Project Title: Ventura County Fire Station No. 29	
Project Location – 114 South 10 <sup>th</sup> Street	
Project Location - City Santa Paula	Project Location - County Ventura County
Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Project consists of demolishing the existing fire station and building a new fire station on the same site.	
Name of Public Agency Approving Project County of Ventura	Date of Approval April 21, 2020
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project Public Works Agency	

Exempt Status: (Check One)

- No Impact (Sec. 15061(b)(3))
- Ministerial (Sec. 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec 15269 (a))
- Emergency Project (Sec 15269 (b) and (c))
- Categorical Exemption. State class and section number: Class 32 Section 15332

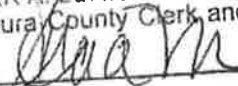
Reasons why project is exempt:

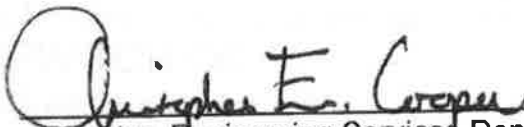
The site is on County-owned land of less than 5-acres that is substantially surrounded by urban uses within the City of Santa Paula limits.

Furthermore, the current site has no value as a habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species and the project will not result in a significant effect related to traffic, air quality or water quality. The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

Contact Person Brian D'Anna	Area Code Telephone (805)-654-2025
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Date Received for Filing

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DATE: APR 27 2020  
MARK A. LUNN  
Ventura County Clerk and Recorder  
By:  Deputy

  
Director, Engineering Services Dept.

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