

ATTACHMENT B

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Vicki Parker, Deputy Director, Planning & Development

The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN: N/A

Case No.: 10RAR-00000-00001

Location: The proposed amendments to the *County of Santa Barbara Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act* apply to the whole of the unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County.

Project Title: ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR REQUIREMENTS

Project Description: Amendment to the County of Santa Barbara Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, Environmental Coordinator Definition.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Planning & Development

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- ☐ Ministerial
- ☐ Statutory Exemption
- ☒ X Categorical Exemption
- ☐ Emergency Project
- ☐ Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: No Possibility of Significant Effect [§15378(b)(5)].

Reasons to support exemption findings:

The proposed amendments to the *County of Santa Barbara Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act* is recommended to be determined to be exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the California Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Section 15378(b) (5) states that when an action is an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, it is not considered a project subject to CEQA. Amending the Environmental Coordinator definition is an administrative activity that will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the physical environment, or change

permitting requirements or standards in the County's zoning ordinances. Rather, the proposed definition will clarify County process for designating the Environmental Coordinator for public projects. Therefore, this amendment to the County of Santa Barbara Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act is not considered a project under CEQA and therefore, CEQA is not applicable to this amendment.

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