NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:

Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM:

General Services Department, Support Services Division,

Office of Real Estate Services

Based on a preliminary review of the project the following activity 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 CEOA.

APN(s): 113-160-005

Santa Barbara County Project No.: (Folio No. 003538)

Location: The Paradise Beach Property comprises of 143 acres within the approximately 800-acre Point Sal Reserve Management Area. It is bordered to the north by private parcels, to the east by County-owned parcels, to the south by Bureau of Land Management property, and to the west by Paradise Beach and the Pacific Ocean. Vandenberg Air Force Base is immediately south of the Reserve.

Project Title: San Luis Obispo land Conservancy Conveyance of Paradise Beach Property

Project Description: Accept the transfer of 143 acres of undeveloped land within the approximately 800 acre Point Sal Reserve Management Area conveyed from the San Luis Obipso Land Conservancy.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- _ Ministerial
- Statutory
- X Categorical Exemption [15325 (a)]
- No Possibility of Significant Effect

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Guidelines Section 15325 (a) (Transfer of Ownership of Interest in Land to Preserve Existing Natural Conditions and Historical Resources)

Reasons to support exemption findings: CEOA Guidelines Section 15325 (a) states that a project is categorical exempt from CEQA "Class 25 consists of transfers of ownership in interests in land in order to preserve open space, habitat, or historical resources; (a) Acquisition, sale, or other transfer of areas to preserve existing natural conditions, including plant or animal habitats. Therefore, this real estate transaction is categorically exempt from CEQA.

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Department/Division Representative

3.14,08

Ronn Carlentine, Manager

Note: A copy must be filed with the County Clerk after project approval and posted by the Clerk for a period of 30 days to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

Date File of the City Clerk