

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Staff Report for
New Projects in the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program
Fiscal Years Ending 2014-2018
General Plan Conformity Review

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Environmental Document: CEQA Exempt (15378)

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1.0 REQUEST

Hearing at the request of the Board of Supervisors to analyze the new projects in the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years Ending 2014-2018 and report to the Board of Supervisors as to their conformity with the General Plan pursuant to Government Code (G.C.) Sections 65401 and 65402.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION AND PROCEDURES

The Planning & Development Department recommends that the County Planning Commission:

1. Review the list of new projects in the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) (Attachment A);
2. Consider the conformity of these projects with the General Plan pursuant to G.C. Sections 65401 and 65402;
3. Report to the Board of Supervisors that the County Planning Commission finds:
 - A. For the purposes of G.C. Section 65401, the new projects in the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years Ending 2014-2018, as listed in Attachment A, have been analyzed for conformity with the adopted General Plan.
 - B. For the purposes of G.C. Section 65402, the new projects in the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years Ending 2014-2018, as listed in Attachment B, are in conformity with the adopted General Plan.
4. Request that the Planning & Development Department forward the list of projects that may need future review under G.C. Section 65402, as listed in Attachment C, to affected County departments; and
5. Determine that the Capital Improvement Program is not a project and is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the State Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (Attachment D).

Please refer the matter to staff if the County Planning Commission takes actions other than those recommended.

3.0 JURISDICTION

G.C. Section 65401 requires an annual programmatic level review of all major public works projects for conformity with the local general plan. G.C. Section 65402 requires specific review of projects that involve acquisition/disposal of property, street vacation or abandonment, or construction of public buildings or structures for conformity with the local general plan.

The Santa Barbara County Planning Commission reviews and reports on new projects added to the CIP, based on G.C. Section 65401, which reads in part as follows:

If a general plan or part thereof has been adopted,...each county or city officer, department, board, or commission...whose jurisdiction lies wholly or partially within the county or city, whose functions include recommending, preparing plans for, or constructing, major public works, shall submit to the official agency, as designated by the respective county board of supervisors or city council, a list of the proposed public works recommended for planning, initiation or construction during the ensuing fiscal year. The official agency receiving the list of proposed public works shall list and classify all such recommendations and shall prepare a coordinated program of proposed public works for the ensuing fiscal year. Such a coordinated program shall be submitted to the county or city planning agency for review and report to said official agency as to conformity with the adopted general plan or part thereof.

Pursuant to G.C. Section 65401, the Board of Supervisors took action on January 12, 1999 to designate itself as the “official agency” responsible for preparation of the coordinated CIP; and the County Planning Commission is the “county planning agency” pursuant to Santa Barbara County Code Section 2-25.1. This staff report lists and analyzes proposed public works for the County Planning Commission to review and report to the Board of Supervisors.

In addition, conformity review is conducted where sufficient project detail is available for projects subject to G.C. Section 65402; including the acquisition or disposal of real property, vacation or abandonment of streets, and construction of public buildings or structures. G.C. Section 65402(a) reads in part as follows:

If a general plan or part thereof has been adopted, no real property shall be acquired by dedication or otherwise for street, square, park or other public purposes, and no real property shall be disposed of, no street shall be vacated or abandoned, and no public building or structure shall be constructed or authorized, if the adopted general plan or part thereof applies thereto, until the location, purpose and extent of such acquisition or disposition, such street vacation or abandonment, or such public building or structure have been submitted to and reported upon by the planning agency as to conformity with said adopted general plan or part thereof...

4.0 PROJECT INFORMATION

The CIP is a compilation of projects intended to implement various public projects and plans, including facilities plans and the County Comprehensive (General) Plan. Projects included in the CIP are non-recurring, have a long service life, are generally over \$100,000, and will be underway (if funded) at some point during the five-year planning period. G.C. Section 65401 requires a programmatic level General Plan conformity review of all the new proposed projects recommended for planning, initiation, or construction. G.C. Section 65402 requires additional review of a subset of the new projects that involve the acquisition or disposal of real property, vacation or abandonment of streets, and/or construction of public buildings or structures.

At its hearing on April 16, 2013, the Board of Supervisors received and approved in concept the projects contained in the new projects list. Attachment E provides detailed project information for each of the new projects analyzed this year for conformity with the General Plan. After the County Planning Commission's action regarding the conformity of the new projects with the General Plan, the Board of Supervisors will receive and file the Planning Commission's findings and the CEQA Notice of Exemption.

5.0 PROJECT ANALYSIS

5.1 Environmental Review

The determination of conformity with the General Plan pursuant to G.C. Sections 65401 and 65402 is not considered a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The CIP does not appropriate funds or otherwise commit the County to particular projects; rather, it serves as a budgeting tool, proposing capital budget appropriations for adoption within the County's Operating Budget. Final appropriations would ultimately be included in the respective departmental budgets as funding becomes available. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project, are not a project. As a government fiscal activity, the CIP is not subject to environmental review. Refer to the enclosed CEQA Notice of Exemption (Attachment D) for further information.

5.2 General Plan Conformity

G.C. Section 65401 Review

The Planning & Development Department reviewed the new projects in the CIP as to their conformity with the General Plan for the purposes of G.C. Section 65401. The new projects consist mostly of projects that are identified in the General Plan, necessary for departmental operations, and/or necessary for facility maintenance. Attachment A provides the project list and associated conformity analysis.

For the purposes of G.C. Section 65401, staff recommends that the capital projects listed in Attachment A be found in conformity with the General Plan, except for the Jalama Beach Affordable Overnight Accommodations at Jalama Beach County Park. This park is designated Recreation/Open

Space in the General Plan. The Jalama Beach project appears to be consistent with this land use designation, but the project is still in the conceptual design phase and more information is needed before a determination can be made as to its conformity with applicable policies of the General Plan, including the Coastal Plan. Jalama Beach County Park is in the Coastal Zone and, therefore, the Jalma Beach project will require a Coastal Development Permit and possibly other land use permits. The project's conformity with the General Plan can be determined concurrently with the processing of these permits.

G.C. Section 65402 Review

The Planning & Development Department also reviewed the subset of new projects that are subject to G.C. Section 65402 because they require real property acquisition or disposal, street vacation or abandonment, or public building or structure construction. Attachment B provides the project list and associated conformity analysis for those projects.

For the purposes of G.C. Section 65402, staff recommends that the capital projects listed in Attachment B be found in conformity with the General Plan.

Future Conformity Review

Attachment C identifies new projects that may require future conformity review under G.C. Section 65402 because there is not sufficient project information to make a determination at this time. The Jalama Beach Affordable Overnight Accommodations is in this category because it is in the conceptual design phase. As explained above, the determination of conformity with the General Plan can occur concurrently with the processing of land use permits for this project.

Attachments

- Attachment A: New Projects in the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years Ending 2014-2018, Government Code Section 65401 General Plan Conformity Analysis
- Attachment B: New Projects in the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years Ending 2014-2018, Government Code Section 65402 General Plan Conformity Analysis
- Attachment C: Project Which May Be Reviewed in the Future under Government Code Section 65402
- Attachment D: Notice of Exemption
- Attachment E: Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years Ending 2014-2018 (April 16, 2013)

ATTACHMENT A

**New Projects in the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years Ending 2014-2018
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65401 GENERAL PLAN CONFORMITY ANALYSIS**

Reference No.	Sup. District	Planning Area	Lead Dept.	Project Title	Conformity Analysis
1	All	Countywide	Fire	Grant Equipment – New	Acquisition of equipment; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for departmental operations.
2	All	Countywide	Fire	Miscellaneous Equipment – New	Enhancement of existing program; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for departmental operations.
3	4	Orcutt	GS	Station 21 (Orcutt) Rebuild – New	Replacement of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for departmental operations.
4	2	Goleta	Sheriff	Main Jail Equipment – New	Acquisition of equipment; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for departmental operations.
5	All	Countywide	Sheriff	Replace Computer Server equipment – New	Replacement of existing equipment; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for departmental operations.
6	All	Countywide	DSS	IT Hardware Replace Program – New	Replacement of existing equipment; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for departmental operations.
7	3	N/A	Parks	Jalama Beach Affordable Overnight Accommodations – New	Construction of new camping facilities; more information needed in order to determine conformity with the General Plan.
8	3	N/A	PW	LCSD – Major Laguna Sanitation Maintenance Projects – New	Repair of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for facilities maintenance.
9	3	N/A	PW	LCSD – Plant Back Up Generator Purchase – New	Replacement of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for departmental operations.
10	3	Santa Maria Valley	PW	Roadway Improvements – Betteravia Safety Improvements – New	Replacement and/or expansion of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for departmental operations.
11	4	Orcutt	PW	Roadway Improvements – Clark Avenue SRTS – New	Replacement and/or expansion of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for departmental operations.
12	All	Countywide	PW	Roadway Improvements – Misc. Project Expenses – New	Expansion of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for departmental operations.
13	4	Orcutt	PW	Roadway Improvements – Norris and Twitchell SR2S – New	Replacement and/or expansion of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for departmental operations.
14	1	Montecito	PW	Structure R&R – Ashley Road Scour Countermeasures – New	Renovation of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for facilities maintenance.
15	1	Montecito	PW	Structure R&R – Bella Vista Drive LWC Replacement – New	Replacement and/or renovation of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for facilities maintenance.
16	3 and 5	N/A	PW	Structure R&R – Bonita School Road Bridge Replacement – New	Replacement of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for facilities maintenance.

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Reference No.	Sup. District	Planning Area	Lead Dept.	Project Title	Conformity Analysis
17	1	Montecito	PW	Structure R&R – East Mountain Drive LWC Replacement – New	Replacement and/or renovation of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for facilities maintenance.
18	3	Gaviota	PW	Structure R&R – Refugio Road MP 0.3 LWC Replacement – New	Replacement and/or renovation of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for facilities maintenance.
19	3	Gaviota	PW	Structure R&R – Refugio Road MP 1.8 LWC Replacement – New	Replacement and/or renovation of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for facilities maintenance.
20	3	Gaviota	PW	Structure R&R – Refugio Road MP 3.0 LWC Replacement – New	Replacement and/or renovation of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for facilities maintenance.
21	3	Gaviota	PW	Structure R&R – Refugio Road MP 3.1 LWC Replacement – New	Replacement and/or renovation of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for facilities maintenance.
22	3	Gaviota	PW	Structure R&R – Refugio Road MP 3.2 LWC Replacement – New	Replacement and/or renovation of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for facilities maintenance.
23	3	Gaviota	PW	Structure R&R – Refugio Road MP 3.3 LWC Replacement – New	Replacement and/or renovation of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for facilities maintenance.
24	1	City of SB	GS	CP – CSD Office Renovation – New	Replacement and/or renovation of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for facilities maintenance.
25	2	Goleta	GS	CP – Rehabilitation SB Main Jail – New	Replacement of existing equipment; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for facilities maintenance.
26	2	Goleta	GS	CP – SB Jail Kitchen Remodel – New	Replacement of existing equipment; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for facilities maintenance.
27	3	Countywide	Sheriff	Northern Branch County Jail – New	Construction of new facilities; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for departmental operations. (Conformity with the General Plan was previously determined in a separate review. See Case Number 08GOV-00000-00004.)

ATTACHMENT B

New Projects in the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years Ending 2014-2018
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65402 GENERAL PLAN CONFORMITY ANALYSIS

Reference No.	Sup. District	Planning Area	Lead Dept.	Project Title	Location, Purpose, Extent	Conformity Analysis
1	4	Orcutt	GS	Station 21 (Orcutt) Rebuild – New	This project consists of the replacement of Fire Station 21 in Orcutt. The current station was built in 1967 and is inadequate to support the current staffing and operations at this station. It also does not currently meet the building requirements for fire facilities under the Essential Facilities Act of 1986. A replacement 6,800 square foot station will be constructed at the current site.	Replacement of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for departmental operations.
2	3	Santa Maria Valley	PW	Roadway Improvements – Betteravia Safety Improvements – New	This project will install edge and center line rumble strips at various locations on Betteravia Road between Black Road and Main Street. Flashing beacons will also be installed as advance warning at the intersection of Black Road and Betteravia Road. The Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) will pay for 90% of the project cost. Measure A will cover the 10% local match.	Replacement and/or expansion of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for departmental operations.
3	4	Orcutt	PW	Roadway Improvements – Clark Avenue SRTS – New	This project will enhance accessibility to Orcutt Junior High and Orcutt Academy High schools for pedestrians traveling to school from east of Highway 135 along Clark Avenue. It includes a new curb ramp and sidewalk on the south side of Clark Avenue from the Highway 135 southbound onramp to Norris Street. Funding is provided by the Federal Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) at a rate of 90%. The remainder will be funded by Measure A.	Replacement and/or expansion of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan, including the Orcutt Community Plan circulation policies; necessary for departmental operations.

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Reference No.	Sup. District	Planning Area	Lead Dept.	Project Title	Location, Purpose, Extent	Conformity Analysis
4	All	Countywide	PW	Roadway Improvements – Misc. Project Expenses – New	This project consists of expenses applied to several capital infrastructure projects where the parent construction project is complete but various components such as plant establishment, landscaping or other mitigation continue as required to finalize and closeout the project. Funding for these activities comes from various sources, including the Highway Bridge Program, federal and state grants and Measure A.	Expansion of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for departmental operations.
5	4	Orcutt	PW	Roadway Improvements – Norris and Twitchell SR2S – New	This project will enhance accessibility to May Grisham Elementary School and Orcutt Junior High School in the town of Orcutt. It includes approximately 600 feet of sidewalk improvements for both Norris Street and Twitchell Street. Funding is provided by the State Safe Routes to School Program (SR2S) at a rate of 90%. The remainder will be funded by the North County Measure A, for alternative transportation.	Replacement and/or expansion of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan, including the Orcutt Community Plan circulation policies; necessary for departmental operations.
6	1	Montecito	PW	Structure R&R – Ashley Road Scour Countermeasures – New	This project is located on Ashley Road 0.57 miles north of East Valley Road in Montecito and spans Cold Springs Creek. Over time, the creek channel has degraded, exposing the footing of this historic 1918 bridge. There is also scour at the base of the abutment walls undermining the walls and foundation. The project will repair the scour and construct scour countermeasures to reduce future deterioration. Work will be 100% reimbursable by the Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP).	Renovation of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan, including the Montecito Community Plan circulation policies; necessary for facilities maintenance.

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Reference No.	Sup. District	Planning Area	Lead Dept.	Project Title	Location, Purpose, Extent	Conformity Analysis
7	1	Montecito	PW	Structure R&R – Bella Vista Drive LWC Replacement – New	This project will replace the existing low water crossing (LWC) on Bella Vista Drive over Romero Creek in Montecito. A trailhead and a private driveway lie adjacent to this location. At certain times of the year, this segment of the road is submerged with water creating an inconvenience to the traveling public. The project will construct a bridge that spans this low water crossing and provides adequate water conveyance. Work will be 100% reimbursable by the Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP).	Replacement and/or renovation of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for facilities maintenance.
8	3 & 5	N/A	PW	Structure R&R – Bonita School Road Bridge Replacement – New	This project is located on Bonita School Road over the Santa Maria River, 0.3 Miles North of State Route 166. It includes replacing the existing structurally deficient railroad flat car bridge with a longer bridge that meets current design, hydraulic and seismic standards. During flood events and periods of high flows, water overflows low points on the approach road of the bridge. The project will involve construction of a long multi-span bridge that spans across the existing levees at both ends. Work will be 100% reimbursable by the Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP).	Replacement of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for facilities maintenance.
9	1	Montecito	PW	Structure R&R – East Mountain Drive LWC Replacement – New	This project will replace the existing low water crossing (LWC) at East Mountain Drive over Cold Springs Creek in Montecito. A popular trailhead is located near this project. Most of the year, the road segment is submerged in water creating an inconvenience to the traveling public. This project will construct a bridge that spans the low water crossing and provides adequate water conveyance. Work will be 100% reimbursable by the Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP).	Replacement and/or renovation of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan, including the Land Use Element; necessary for facilities maintenance.

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Reference No.	Sup. District	Planning Area	Lead Dept.	Project Title	Location, Purpose, Extent	Conformity Analysis
10	3	Gaviota	PW	Structure R&R – Refugio Road MP 0.3 LWC Replacement – New	This project is located on Refugio Road over Refugio Creek 0.3 miles north of State Route 101, the first in a series of low water crossings on Refugio Road travelling east to the Santa Ynez Valley. There are existing culverts and steel grates across the crossing that accommodate water flows. However during most of the year, this segment of the road is submerged with water creating an inconvenience to the traveling public. The project will construct a bridge to span this low water crossing and provide adequate water conveyance. Work will be 100% reimbursable by the Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP).	Replacement and/or renovation of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan, including the Land Use Element; necessary for facilities maintenance.
11	3	Gaviota	PW	Structure R&R – Refugio Road MP 1.8 LWC Replacement – New	This project is located on Refugio Road over Refugio Creek 1.80 miles north of State Route 101, the second in a series of low water crossings on Refugio Road travelling east to the Santa Ynez Valley. The existing culverts at this crossing are not sufficient to carry the flow during the rainy, winter season. Water overtopping this segment of the road causes an inconvenience to the traveling public. The project will construct a bridge to span this low water crossing and provide adequate water conveyance. Work will be 100% reimbursable by the Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP).	Replacement and/or renovation of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan, including the Land Use Element; necessary for facilities maintenance.

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Reference No.	Sup. District	Planning Area	Lead Dept.	Project Title	Location, Purpose, Extent	Conformity Analysis
12	3	Gaviota	PW	Structure R&R – Refugio Road MP 3.0 LWC Replacement – New	This project is located on Refugio Road over Refugio Creek 3.0 miles north of State Route 101, the third in a series of low water crossings on Refugio Road travelling east to Santa Ynez Valley. The existing culverts at this crossing are not adequate during periods of high flows in the rainy, winter season. The roadway is often overtopped with water creating an inconvenience to the travelling public. The project will construct a bridge to span this low water crossing and provide adequate water conveyance. Work will be 100% reimbursable by the Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP).	Replacement and/or renovation of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan, including the Land Use Element; necessary for facilities maintenance.
13	3	Gaviota	PW	Structure R&R – Refugio Road MP 3.1 LWC Replacement – New	This project is located on Refugio Road over Refugio Creek 3.1 miles north of State Route 101, the fourth in a series of low water crossings on Refugio Road travelling east to the Santa Ynez Valley. During high flows in the rainy, winter season, water overtops the roadway causing an inconvenience to the traveling public. This project will construct a bridge to span this low water crossing and provide adequate conveyance for water flow. Work will be 100% reimbursable by the Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP).	Replacement and/or renovation of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan, including the Land Use Element; necessary for facilities maintenance.

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Reference No.	Sup. District	Planning Area	Lead Dept.	Project Title	Location, Purpose, Extent	Conformity Analysis
14	3	Gaviota	PW	Structure R&R – Refugio Road MP 3.2 LWC Replacement – New	This project is located on Refugio Road over Refugio Creek 3.2 miles north of State Route 101, The fifth in a series of low water crossings on Refugio Road travelling east to the Santa Ynez Valley. Existing culverts do not provide adequate conveyance during periods of high flow thus creating an inconvenience to the travelling public. The project will construct a new bridge that spans the low water crossing to address the overtopping issue. Work will be 100% reimbursable by the Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP).	Replacement and/or renovation of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan, including the Land Use Element; necessary for facilities maintenance.
15	3	Gaviota	PW	Structure R&R – Refugio Road MP 3.3 LWC Replacement – New	This project is located on Refugio Road over Refugio Creek 3.30 miles north of State Route 101, the last in a series of six low water crossings on Refugio Road travelling east to the Santa Ynez Valley. During high flows in the rainy, winter season, this segment of road is submerged with water becoming an inconvenience to the travelling public. The project will construct a new bridge to span this low water crossing and address the overtopping issue. Work will be 100% reimbursable by the Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP).	Replacement and/or renovation of existing infrastructure; conforms to the General Plan, including the Land Use Element; necessary for facilities maintenance.

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Reference No.	Sup. District	Planning Area	Lead Dept.	Project Title	Location, Purpose, Extent	Conformity Analysis
16	3	Countywide	Sheriff	Northern Branch County Jail – New	The Northern Branch Jail Project is located near the city of Santa Maria. When completed, the facility will provide capacity to hold 376 individuals, of which 32 beds are reserved in a separate housing unit for individuals with medical and mental health challenges. The entire jail complex is composed of several buildings estimated to be approximately 139,000 sq ft for inmate housing and ancillary support functions. The facility will be built on a ten-acre portion of a 50-acre County-owned property located at Black and Betteravia Roads. The project is estimated to be completed in May 2018.	Construction of new facilities; conforms to the General Plan; necessary for departmental operations. (Conformity with the General Plan was previously determined in a separate review. See Case Number 08GOV-00000-00004.)

ATTACHMENT C

Project Which May Be Reviewed in the Future under Government Code Section 65402

Reference No.	Sup. District	Planning Area	Lead Dept.	Project Title	Location, Purpose, Extent	Conformity Analysis
1	3	N/A	Parks	Jalama Beach Affordable Overnight Accommodations – New	This project would allow for the design and construction of approximately seven cabins/yurts, restroom facility, fencing and reconfigured paving to accommodate affordable overnight housing at Jalama Beach Park. The leach field system will be assessed in order to verify the addition of a new restroom, and the water supply system will be analyzed in order to properly accommodate the additional facilities.	Construction of new camping facilities; more information needed in order to determine conformity with the General Plan.

ATTACHMENT D

Notice of Exemption

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lucy Pendl, Planning & Development Department

The 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.: N/A

Location: Countywide

Project Title: New Projects in the Adopted Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years Ending 2014-2018

Project Description: The Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a key component in long-range financial and infrastructure planning. It is a compilation of projects intended to implement various plans, including facilities plans and the County Comprehensive (General) Plan. Projects included in the CIP are non-recurring, have a long service life, are generally over \$100,000 and will be underway (if funded) at some point during the five-year planning period.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Richard Morgantini, County Executive Office

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial
☐ Statutory Exemption
☐ Categorical Exemption
☐ Emergency Project
☒ Not a Project as Defined by CEQA

CEQA Guideline Section: 15378(b)(4) - The creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, are not a project as defined by CEQA.

Exemption Findings: The County's CIP is not a project as defined by CEQA. The CIP serves an administrative function, the purpose of which is to provide the applicable decision makers with the ability to prioritize the timeline and funding of various capital improvement projects. The CIP does not result in any commitment to any specific project. Therefore, approval of the CIP does not result in direct physical impacts to the environment. When individual projects listed in the CIP proceed to implementation, they will be subject to environmental review for the possible impacts which are unique to that particular project. As a result, the proposed CIP is not a project as defined by CEQA and is therefore not subject to environmental review.

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