NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Community Services Department

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(s): N/A **Case No.:** N/A

Location: Countywide

Project Title: Federal Funding Programs Action Plan (Fiscal Year 2015-2016) and Consolidated Plan (Fiscal Year 2015-2020)

Project Description: The Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan represents the County's federal grant application to HUD for the 2015-2016 program year. As the lead agency for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Urban County Partnership, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Santa Barbara County HOME Consortium, the County is responsible for preparing and submitting the Action Plan annually on behalf of these partnerships. The FY 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan addresses the affordable housing, community development needs and market conditions in order to assist the jurisdictions in making investment decisions.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- ☐ Ministerial
- ☐ Statutory
- ☐ Categorical Exemption
- ☐ Emergency Project
- ☐ No Possibility of Significant Effect [§15061(b,3)]
- ☒ Other

Cite specific 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 are not a project as defined by CEQA.

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):

These documents seek federal approval for funding for various projects and programs. Approval of the documents does not result in direct physical impacts to the environment. When individual projects and programs contained within these documents proceed to implementation, they may be subject to environmental review under NEPA and/or CEQA for the possible impacts which are unique to that particular project and/or program.

Department/Division Representative _____ Date: April 1, 2015

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Note: A copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days.

Copies to: Community Services Department, Parks Division

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Date File of Counter Clerks