

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department of Public Works – Transportation Division
(Lead Department/Division)

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 CEQA.

APN(s): N/A Case No.: 23STM1

LOCATION: Various Supervisorial Districts

PROJECT TITLE: Public Works Director’s Report on Emergency Response Actions from 2023 Impacts of Flooding and Storms and Continuation of Emergency Actions

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project consists of two requests of the Board of Supervisors to 1) Receive and review a report from the Public Works Director regarding emergency actions taken pursuant to Resolution No. 19-327 and Public Contract Code section 22050 related to emergency operations responding to flooding, storms, and debris removal following the recent storm events and the necessity of the action and the reasons the emergency will not permit delay resulting from competitive solicitation of bids. 2) Direct staff to return to the Board every 14 days to allow the Board to review the emergency action and determine whether there is a need to continue the emergency action, by a 4/5 vote, until the actions are terminated. This exemption considers all further administrative activities for this project such as Award of Contracts and the Statement of Final Quantities.

EXEMPT STATUS : (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory [Sec. 15269]
- Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15301]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b, 3)]

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15269. Emergency Projects, (d) Projects undertaken, carried out, or approved by a public agency to maintain, repair, or restore an existing highway damaged by fire, flood, storm, earthquake, land subsidence, gradual earth movement, or landslide, provided that the project is initiated within one year of the damage occurring. This exemption does not apply to highways designated as official state scenic highways, nor any project undertaken, carried out, or approved by a public agency to expand or widen a highway damaged by fire, flood, storm, earthquake, land subsidence, gradual earth movement, or landslide.

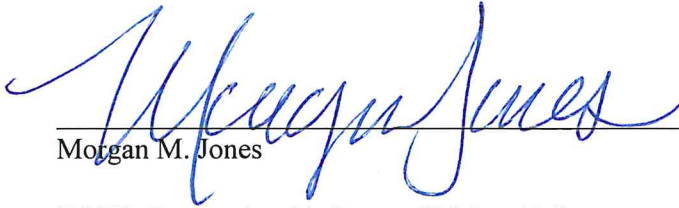
Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary): The exemption from CEQA is granted by the Legislature by Statute as the following emergency projects are exempt from the requirements of CEQA. Projects undertaken, carried out, or approved by a public agency to maintain, repair, or restore an existing highway damaged by fire, flood, storm, earthquake, land subsidence, gradual earth movement, or landslide, provided that the project is initiated within one year of the damage occurring. Therefore, the project is contemplated by the CEQA exemption under section 15269. Further, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect.

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Acceptance Date: **February 7, 2023**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



Morgan M. Jones

February 1, 2023

Date

NOTE: To comply with County CEQA guidelines a copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

Distribution:

Date filed with Clerk of Board _____