

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services (Lead Department/Division)

Based on a preliminary review of the project the following activity is determined to be *not a project* or exempt (see below) 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. GS-NOE-RS-021015-001

LOCATION: Administrative Report to the County Board of Supervisors

ACTION TITLE: Timeline of Events Regarding Anderson Purisima Hills Conservation Easement

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN: The Board will receive and file a report of the events leading up to and including resolution of an alledged "taking" of California Tiger Salamanders related to construction projects located on the County Facility Campus (APN: 111-231-004) located on Foster Road in Santa Maria between 2004 and 2005.

DETERMINATION:

NOT A PROJECT (§15378): A *project* as defined by CEQA is one in which the whole of the action has a potential for resulting in either a direct or indirect physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The action described above has been determined by the Lead Agency to not be a Project under CEQA.

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: §15378 (b)5, routine administrative action not affecting changes to the physical environment.

EXEMPT STATUS:(Check One)

- Ministerial (§15369)
- Statutory (§15260)
- Categorical Exemption (§15354)
- Emergency Project (§15359)
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061 (b,3)].

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section _____

FINDINGS TO SUPPORT DETERMINATION: (attach additional material, if necessary):

Determine that the proposed receipt and filing of the Timeline of Significant Events is not a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, pursuant to Section 15378 (b) (5); in that it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

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11/16/16
Date

NOTE: A copy must be posted DERC at least 6 days prior to consideration of the activity by the decision-makers to comply with County CEQA guidelines and a copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35 day statue of limitations on legal challenges.

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