

ATTACHMENT B

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Greg Fish, Fire Chief, Carpinteria- Summerland Fire Protection District (CSFPD)

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: Not Applicable **Case No.:** Not Applicable

Location: The CSFPD boundaries, comprised of the City of Carpinteria, the community of Summerland, and unincorporated lands within Santa Barbara County.

Project Title: Carpinteria- Summerland Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

Project Applicant: CSFPD

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project: CSFPD

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Not a Project

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guidelines Sections: 15060(c)(3) and 15378(b)(5)

Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3), an activity is not subject to CEQA if the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378. Pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5), organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment are not a project.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The Carpinteria- Summerland CWPP is an educational and visioning document that describes broad fire mitigation strategies that could have the potential to improve fire protection within the area. Adoption of the Plan is an organizational and administrative activity that will not result in the direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Approval of the Carpinteria –Summerland CWPP does not:

- Commit any signing party or anyone to carrying out, funding, or issuing a permit for any specific project or activity;

- Require implementation of any of the recommendations within the Carpinteria – Summerland CWPP; or
- Remove any permit requirement, environmental review requirement, or other legal requirement applicable to any project or activity on either private lands or public lands.

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Acceptance Date: _____

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