NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Department/Support Services 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): 099-261-027 **Case No.** Real Property File No. 002891

LOCATION: 140 Highway 246, Buellton, California

PROJECT TITLE: City of Buellton Sheriff Substation at 140 Highway 246.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed action is to execute a Fourth Amendment to the Lease Agreement to allow the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department to continue use of the City of Buellton Sheriff Substation located at 140 Highway 246, in Buellton, for a period of approximately five (5) years, through June, 30, 2019, with two additional options to extend the term for five years each.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)
Ministerial
Statutory
X Categorical Exemption [Section 15301]
Emergency Project
No Possibility of Significant Effect

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15301. Existing Facilities

Reasons to support exemption findings: As set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15301 of the California Code of Regulations provides an exemption for the "operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination." The proposed action involves the continued leasing of the City of Buellton Sheriff Substation, a public structure, involving negligible expansion of the existing use; therefore, this action is not likely to have any significant effect on the environment, and is exempt from further review.

Department/Division Representative

NOTE: A copy of this document must be posted with the County's Planning and Development Department 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 statute of limitations on legal challenges.

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