

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Santa Barbara County 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.

Location: (1) Orcutt; and (2) Vandenberg Village.

Project Title: (1) Resolution Levying Special Taxes within the County of Santa Barbara Community Facilities District No. 2002-1 (Orcutt); and (2) Resolution Levying Special Taxes within County of Santa Barbara Community Facilities District No. 2004-1 (Providence Landing).

Project Description: The project involves adopting a Resolution Levying Special Taxes within the County of Santa Barbara Community Facilities District No. 2002-1 (Orcutt Community Plan). The Orcutt Community Facilities District No. 2002-1 was approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 8, 2002 for the purpose of levying a special tax on residential and commercial properties in the Orcutt Planning Area located immediately south of the City of Santa Maria. Specifically, the special tax is used to offset operational and maintenance service costs associated with the build-out of the Orcutt Community Plan. The special tax funds four areas of community services: (1) police/sheriff protection services, (2) fire protection services, (3) maintenance of parks, parkways and open space, and (4) flood and storm protection services.

The project also involves adopting a Resolution Levying Special Taxes within the County of Santa Barbara Community Facilities District No. 2004-1 (Providence Landing) The Providence Landing Community Facilities District No. 2004-1 was formed on January 11, 2005 within the proposed Providence Landing residential development located along the southern portion of Vandenberg Village and north of and adjacent to the Lompoc City limits for the express purpose of funding the maintenance of a park. Specifically, Community Facilities District No. 2004-1 is authorized to levy an annual special tax to finance public park maintenance and operation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Santa Barbara, Community Services Department

Exempt Status: (Check one)

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

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4)

Reasons to support exemption findings: The Orcutt and Providence Landing Community Facilities Districts Special Taxes are not the approvals of a project subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), finding that the project is a creation of a governmental funding mechanism or other government fiscal activity, and which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Alice McCarty 6/15/12
Department/Division Representative Date

Acceptance Date: _____

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____

Note: Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days.