

**ATTACHMENT 2: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**2023-2031 Housing Element Update**

**Case No. 22GPA-00000-00002**

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**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Jessi Steele-Blossom, Planner  
Planning and Development 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 of Santa Barbara (County) guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

**APN(s):** Not applicable. The 2023-2031 Housing Element Update (HEU) will apply to all unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County.

**Case Nos.:** 22GPA-00000-00002

**Location:** Countywide

**Project Title:** 2023-2031 Housing Element Update

**Project Description:**

Case No. 22GPA-00000-00002 is a General Plan Amendment to adopt the HEU of the County Comprehensive Plan as required by State housing element law (Government Code [GC] Sections 65580 through 65589.11). The HEU would replace the *2015-2023 Housing Element Update*.

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect

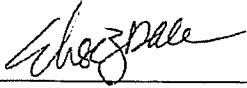
**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)

**Reasons to support exemption findings:**

The HEU is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "common sense exemption," because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the HEU may have a significant effect on the environment. The HEU does not, in and of itself, approve any development project or other physical change to the environment. Additionally, the HEU does not rezone any properties to accommodate increased residential development. Rather, the HEU analyzes existing and projected housing needs, identifies governmental and nongovernmental constraints to housing development, and sets forth the goals, policies, and programs to plan for future housing development within the unincorporated county. Approval of any housing or other projects to implement the HEU will be subject to independent environmental review. For example, the

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County and an environmental consultant, WSP, are preparing a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) that includes an analysis of impacts from future buildout of the potential rezones necessary to accommodate the County's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) plus the 15 percent buffer.



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Department/Division Representative

11/20/2023

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Date

Acceptance Date (date of final action on project): \_\_\_\_\_

Date Filed by County Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_



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# 2023 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Complete this form when filing a Notice of Determination (Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental Impact Report) or Notice of Exemption.

A scanned copy of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Receipt, Transmittal Memorandum and the CEQA filing including the date/time of posting will be emailed to the Lead Agency and Project Applicant. If you would like a return copy, please submit an extra copy along with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

Contact Person <b>Jessi Steele</b>		Phone <b>805-884-8082</b>	
Lead Agency <b>County of Santa Barbara</b>		Lead Agency Email <b>jsteele@countyofsb.org</b>	
Project Title <b>2023-2031 Housing Element Update</b>			
Project Applicant <b>County of Santa Barbara</b>	Email <b>jsteele@countyofsb.org</b>	Phone <b>jsteele@countyofsb.org</b>	
Project Applicant Address <b>123 E. Anapamu St., first floor</b>	City <b>Santa Barbara</b>	State <b>CA</b>	Zip <b>93101</b>

### DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR) .....
    - 2023 Filing Fee .....\$3,839.25
    - Previously Paid (must attach receipt) ..... \$0.00
    - No Effect Determination (must be attached)..... \$0.00
- Environmental Filing Fees will be collected *only* for projects that are approved. The Applicant must attest to the following:
- This project has been approved. Date of Approval: Click or tap to enter a date.

- Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).....
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Notice of Exemption.....\$0.00

County Administrative Handling Fee (required for all filings, effective 7/19/18) .....\$50.00

TOTAL: \$ 50.00

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**2023 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/23) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 42 — 12/08/2023 — 339  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY County of Santa Barbara	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL jsteele@countyofsb.org	DATE 12/08/2023
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE

2023-2031 Housing Element Update

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME County of Santa Barbara	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL jsteele@countyofsb.org	PHONE NUMBER ( )
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 123 E. Anapamu Street, First Floor	CITY Santa Barbara	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93101

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency   
  School District   
  Other Special District   
  State Agency   
  Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)  | \$3,839.25 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)                                   | \$2,764.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,305.25 | \$ | 0.00 |

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      Notice of Exemption (attach)  
      CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ | 0.00  |
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x *Katherine Douglas*

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Katherine Douglas, Deputy Clerk