

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Nathan Eady, Planning & Development

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: N/A

Case No.: N/A

Location: Countywide

Project Title: 2011-2016 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

**Project Description:** Prepared and administered by the County Executive Office, the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a key component in long range financial and infrastructure planning and is instrumental for implementation of the Board-adopted Strategic Plan. The CIP consists of both unfunded and funded infrastructure projects that County departments are proposing to implement within the ensuing five-year period. Projects included in the CIP are non-recurring, have a long service life, are generally over \$100,000 and will be underway (if funded) at some point during fiscal years 2011-2016. While the CIP covers a five-year planning period, it is updated each year to reflect ongoing changes; new projects are added, existing projects are modified, and completed projects are deleted.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Santa Barbara

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Richard Morgantini

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Not a Project as Defined by CEQA

**CEQA Guideline Section:** 15378(b)(4) - The creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project, are not a project as defined by CEQA.

**Exemption Findings:** The County's CIP is not a project as defined by CEQA. The CIP serves an administrative function, the purpose of which is to provide the applicable decision makers with the ability to prioritize the timeline and funding for various capital improvement projects. The CIP does not result in any commitment to any specific project. Therefore, approval of the CIP does not result in direct physical impacts to the environment. When individual projects listed within the CIP proceed to implementation they will be subject to environmental review for the possible impacts which are unique to that particular project. As a result, the proposed CIP is not a project as defined by CEQA and is therefore not subject to environmental review.

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