

## ATTACHMENT B

### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Glenn S. Russell, PhD., RPA, Director, Planning & Development

The activity identified below is not subject to 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 because it is not included in the definition of "project" and thus does not have the potential to result in either a direct or reasonably foreseeable physical change in the environment.

APN(s): NA Case No. : NA

Location: NA

**Project Title:** Memorandum of Agreement with United States Forest Service and USDI Bureau of Land Management

**Project Description:** Adoption of a resolution that designates the Director of Planning and Development as the County contact for land use and planning issues for the United States Forest Service (USFS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) so as to participate in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), dated July 23, 2012, among the United States Forest Service (USFS), USDI Bureau of Land Management (BLM), California State Association of Counties (CSAC), and Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC). The purpose of the MOA is to improve interagency relationships by facilitating early and frequent communication and to foster a more productive partnership that results in positive land management decisions.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Agency Carrying Out Action: County of Santa Barbara

**Exempt Status:** X Activity is not a "project."

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15378(b)(5)

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** These actions do not constitute a project but instead consist of organizational or administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment and does not involve any commitment to any specific project or program pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(5).

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Department/Division Representative: Heather Allen

Date: November 6, 2012

Acceptance Date: October 19, 2012

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff

Date Filed by County Clerk:

***Note: A copy of this form must be posted 6 days prior to a decision on the project. 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 to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.***

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