

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works Department/Flood Control & Water Conservation District

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(s) : N/A Case No. N/A

Location: Santa Barbara County
(Include street address and cross street (if urbanized area) or attach specific location map)

Project Title: Flood Control Benefit Assessment Program for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Project Description: Annual Levy of Flood Control Benefit Assessment.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County Flood Control District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Chris Sneddon, Public Works Director

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: Public Resources Code Section 21080 (b) (8). CEQA Section 15273 (a) 1, 2, 3, and 4. Rates, Fares, Tolls and Charges

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary)

Title 14 California Code of Regulations, Chapter 3, Article 18, CEQA Statutory Exemption Section 15273 states that CEQA does not apply to the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, or other charges by public agencies which the public agency finds are for the purposes of: (1) Meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits, (2) Purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment, or materials, (3) meeting financial reserve needs and requirements, and (4) Obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing services areas.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Chris Sneddon  Phone #: (805) 568-3010

Department/Division Representative: Andrew Raaf Date: April 14, 2026

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 to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.