

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**FROM: Department of Public Works – Transportation Division**  
(Lead Department/Division)

Based on a preliminary review of the project the following activity 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): 141-060-011      Project No. Parcel Map No. 14,765**

**LOCATION:** 1881 Refugio Road, Santa Ynez, CA.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Acceptance of Public Utility Easement by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Santa Barbara County Surveyor's Office is reviewing Parcel Map No. 14,765 regarding 1881 Refugio Road (herein the "Property") which Property is located in the Santa Ynez Valley in the Third Supervisorial District. If recorded the above Map will split the Property into two legal parcels and will grant to the County a twenty four foot (24') wide public utility easement. The proposed public utility easement is located along the southern edge of Property as shown on the Parcel Map. The acceptance of the utility easement will not be consummated until the subject parcel map is recorded. Prior to recordation the County Surveyor will be satisfied that the subject parcel map is technically correct, conforms to the approved Tentative Parcel Map (or approved alterations thereto), and complies with all applicable laws and regulations.

**EXEMPT STATUS : (Check One)**

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- X Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15378(b, 2)]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b, 3)]

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** Section 15378 project means the whole of an action, which has the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect change, and that is any of the following: (b), Project does not include: (2) Continuing administrative or maintenance activities, such as purchases for supplies, personal-related actions, general policy and procedure making...

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

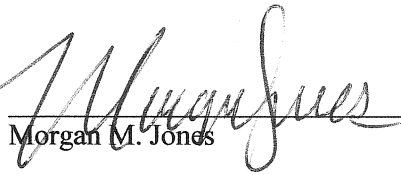
The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is the responsible agency regarding the acceptance of a public utility easement for a project that was previously approved under CEQA by the Santa Barbara County Zoning Administrator. The Board's acceptance of the easement is not a project by definition. The term project refers to the activity which is being approved (the Parcel Map) and which may be subject to several discretionary approvals by governmental agencies. The term "project" refers to the activity which is being approved and which may be subject to several discretionary approvals by governmental agencies; it does not mean each separate governmental approval. Further, acceptance of the easement will not create any unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect.

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Acceptance Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



Morgan M. Jones

February 27, 2012  
Date

**NOTE:** A copy of this document must be posted with the County's Planning & Development Department at least 6 days prior to consideration of the activity by the decision-makers to comply with County CEQA guidelines and a copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

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