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Project Title Communications Sublease Agreement Between the County of Santa Barbara and Exxon Mobil Corporation, Third District (Real Property File # 002948)			
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Department/Real Property 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.

Case No. Real Property File No. 002948

PROJECT TITLE: Heritage Platform Communications Sublease

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The County of Santa Barbara will enter into a sublease agreement with Exxon Mobil Corporation to install and operate a new microwave radio link and associated equipment on Platform Heritage, an oil platform located in the Santa Barbara Channel, and connect this site to the countywide wireless communications network for emergency response and public safety services. The proposed Sublease Agreement shall have a base term of twenty (20) years, beginning on the Commencement Date, with one (1) renewal options of five (5) years.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemptions [Sections 15301]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15301 [*Existing Facilities*]

Reasons to support exemption findings: The proposed action is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301 [*Existing Facilities*] of the Guidelines for Implementation of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The CEQA Existing Facilities exemption at Section 15301 allows for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The proposed action of subleasing for the County does not involve an expansion of use under the site's intended and past use, therefore, approval of the Lease is exempt from CEQA in accordance with Section 15301.

There is existing communications equipment and an existing equipment room on Platform Heritage. The County proposes to install and operate a new microwave radio link and associated equipment on the platform, including two (2) 8' antenna dishes and up to four (4) antennas mounted on the exterior surface of Platform Heritage and up to four (4) communication racks located inside the platform's existing equipment room. Once installed, the County intends to connect this site to its existing countywide emergency response and public safety communications network, which will also be upgraded by replacing the entire radio system and supporting infrastructure.

With regard to the proposed project, the exceptions to the Existing Facilities categorical exemption that must be considered pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines are:

- (a) *Location. Classes 3,4,5,6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply in all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental*

resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

The section 15301 is a Class 1 Categorical Exemption, therefore this exception is not applicable.

- (b) Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.*

There are no successive projects of the same type in the same place anticipated for this location. There is no cumulative impact, and therefore this exception does not apply.

- (c) Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.*

The County's proposed sublease for this space will not result in any physical changes or impacts to the environment and therefore will not result in a significant effect on the environment.

- (d) Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.*

This proposed project is located on an existing oil platform in the Santa Barbara Channel in the Pacific Ocean approximately 25 miles west of the City of Santa Barbara. There are no scenic highways in the project area. This exception does not apply.

- (e) Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.*

This proposed project is not located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. Therefore, it is not located on a hazardous waste section and this exemption does not apply.

- (f) Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.*

This proposed project does not involve any historical resources. This exception does not apply.

As described above, none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions contained within Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines apply to this project.

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