

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works Department

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) : Various Case No: Not Applicable

Location: Montecito Community Plan area in the First Supervisorial District

Project Title: Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase I

Project Description:

The Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase I focuses on developing a feasible improvement plan to improve flood conveyance and debris management for the Montecito area. While several debris basin projects have received grants and have been completed or are under development, this master plan would seek to determine if and where additional debris control projects would be feasible.

The above action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Article 18, Statutory Exemptions Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies and CEQA Article 19, Categorical Exemption, Section 15306 (Class 6) Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Santa Barbara Flood Control District

Division

Exempt Status: (Check one)

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

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:

CEQA Article 18, Statutory Exemptions Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies and CEQA Article 19, Categorical Exemption, Section 15306 (Class 6) Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities.

Reasons to support exemption findings:

The Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase I is a data and information gathering tool in support of developing a planning strategy for flood conveyance and debris management. The Board has not approved, funded, or adopted any future actions as this study is for planning and feasibility purposes only.

Acceptance Date: _____

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.

Date Filed by County Clerk