

ATTACHMENT B: CEQA 15270 NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Errin Briggs, Supervising Planner, Planning and Development Department

The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN(s): 081-220-014, 081-230-019, 081-230-025

Case Nos.: 17RVP-00000-00081

Location: The project is located at the ExxonMobil Las Flores Canyon Processing Facility at 12000 Calle Real, approximately 12 miles west of the City of Goleta within the Third Supervisorial District.

Project Title: ExxonMobil Interim Trucking for Santa Ynez Unit Phased Restart Project

Project Applicant:

Bryan Anderson, SYU Asset Manager
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Santa Barbara, CA 93117
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Project Description: Disapproval of the ExxonMobil Interim Trucking for Santa Ynez Unit Phased Restart Project, which in summary, includes denial of the following:

1. Revision to Development Plan No. 87-DP-32cz for the installation and operation of a new oil tanker truck loading rack and appurtenant equipment at ExxonMobil's onshore Las Flores Canyon (LFC) processing facility in order to transport produced crude oil via diesel-driven Department of Transportation 407 tanker trucks from the LFC to two receiving terminals: Phillips 66 Santa Maria Pump Station at 1580 E. Battles Road in Santa Barbara County, and the Plains Pentland Terminal at 2311 Basic School Road in Kern County.

A full project description can be found in Attachment C (Planning Commission Staff Report) of the County of Santa Barbara's Planning and Development Memorandum to the County Planning Commission for the set hearing date of November 3, 2021, incorporated herein by reference.

Name of Public Agency Denying Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Barbara County Planning & Development

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption (15270)
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section 15270 of the CEQA Guidelines [Projects which are Disapproved].

Reasons to support exemption findings: CEQA Guidelines Section 15270 states that “CEQA does not apply to projects which a public agency rejects or disapproves.” The County Board of Supervisors denies the project. Therefore, the project denial would not be subject to additional CEQA analysis, and a statutory exemption consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15270 would be adequate CEQA review.

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Department/Division Representative: John Zorovich, Deputy Director Date: March 8, 2022

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