NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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

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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): N/A   Case No.: 18110C

LOCATION: Ashley Road and East Mountain Drive over Cold Springs Creek in the First Supervisorial District

PROJECT TITLE: Ashely Road Temporary Bridge Replacement and Relocation

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project consists of two separate actions to allow for the replacement of the temporary bridge on Ashley Road (site # 1E19) with a permanent structure in the unincorporated area of Montecito. The exiting temporary railcar bridge on Ashly road will be removed. A new pre-cast bridge will clear-span the creek channel, the project will include repair of the roadside drainage that was destroyed with the original bridge at the project location.

After the removal of the temporary railcar bridge on Ashley road over Cold Springs Creek the temporary bridge will be relocated and placed at the destroyed low water crossing on East Mountain Drive over Cold Spring Creek approximately 0.7 miles north (site # 1E02). The temporary bridge will clear span the creek and not require work in jurisdictional areas.

This exemption considers all further administrative activities for this project such as Award of Contract and the Statement of Final Quantities.

EXEMPT STATUS : (Check One)

        ___ Ministerial
        _X_ Statutory [Sec. 15269]
        ___ Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15301]
        _X_ Emergency Project
        ___ No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b, 3)]

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15269. Emergency Projects, (d) Projects undertaken, carried out, or approved by a public agency to maintain, repair, or restore an existing highway damaged by fire, flood, storm, earthquake, land subsidence, gradual earth movement, or landslide, provided that the project is initiated within one year of the damage occurring. This exemption does not apply to highways designated as official state scenic highways, nor any project undertaken, carried out, or approved by a public agency to expand or widen a highway damaged by fire, flood, storm, earthquake, land subsidence, gradual earth movement, or landslide.

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary): The exemption from CEQA is granted by the Legislature by Statute as the following emergency projects are exempt from the requirements of CEQA. Projects undertaken, carried out, or approved by a public agency to maintain, repair, or restore an existing highway damaged by fire, flood, storm, earthquake, land subsidence, gradual earth movement, or landslide, provided that the project is approved within one year of the damage occurring. Therefore, the project is contemplated by the CEQA exemption under section 15269. Further, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect.

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Acceptance Date: **January 9, 2019**
Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting

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Morgan M. Jones   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 statue of limitations on legal challenges.

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