

ATTACHMENT B

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael W. Dyer, County Fire Chief

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): Countywide Case No.: State Responsibility Area Contract

Location: Countywide

(Include street address and cross street (if urbanized area) or attach specific location map)

Project Title: State Responsibility Area Contract

Project Description: A contract with the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) for fire protection services to State Responsibility Areas (SRA) for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017 in the amount not to exceed \$27,137,029. Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

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

Exempt Status: (Check one)

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

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15061(b), (3), (No possibility of impact to the environment).

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

CAL FIRE is responsible for fire protection within State Responsibility Areas (SRA). Under this contract, County Fire agrees to provide fire protection to the SRA on behalf of CAL FIRE.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Eric Peterson

Phone #: 805.681.5501

Department/Division Representative: Eric Peterson

Date: April 24, 2014

Acceptance Date: _____

Note: A copy of this form must be posted 6 days prior to a decision on the project. 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 thirty five day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

Date Filed by County Clerk