## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department of Public Works/Engineering Division

(Lead Department/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.

APN(s) Varies Project No. 862308

LOCATION First Supervisorial District.

## PROJECT TITLE Summerland Phase II B

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The County of Santa Barbara Public Works Roads Department proposes the construction of a retaining wall a maximum of 9 feet tall by approximately 70 feet in length, the removal of 13 eucalyptus trees. Approximately 1000 linear feet sidewalk, curbs, gutter, ADA concrete crosswalks and two street lights at 3 intersections for a total of 6 street lights.

EXEMPT STAT	US:(Check One)
Ministerial	
Statutory	
X Categorical	Exemption
Emergency P	roject
No Possibilit	y of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061 (b,3)].

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section \_\_\_15301 (c) Existing Facilities - "...consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including but not limited to:...(c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), except where the activity will involve removal of a scenic resource including a stand of trees, a rock outcropping, or an historic building".

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project is scheduled repair, maintenance and safety improvements and therefore is contemplated by the CEQA exemption under section 15301. Further, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. The project is a category of repair and maintenance for existing County maintained transportation infrastructure within the County road right of way.

Minimus Scures	September 2, 2010
Morgan M. Jones Department/Division Representative	Date

**NOTE**: A copy must be posted 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.