

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 (Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 et seq.), as defined in the State CEQA Guidelines and County Revised CEQA Guidelines.

APN(s) Adjacent to 083-450-025 Project No. 862277

LOCATION

PROJECT TITLE Jalama Road Bridge (51C-016) Seismic Repair

PROJECT DESCRIPTION. The project involves the seismic retrofit of Bridge #51C-016 over Ramajal Creek in northern Santa Barbara County. The bridge is on Jalama Road approximately 8.4 miles south of Lompoc. The project will be completed with minimal equipment and disturbance. The steps involved are that the existing hinge of the bridge will be locked up with splice plates and replacement deck, new steel elements will be added to the existing steel angle brace for increased capacity; anchor bolts will be added to the existing column base connection; the "leg" will be welded to the face of the existing column; and 5/8-inch-thick flange spacer plates will be added.

EXEMPT STATUS:(Check One)

- Ministerial
 Statutory
 Categorical Exemption
 Emergency Project
 No Possibility 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 seismic repair in the coastal zone of an existing County maintained bridge and therefore is contemplated by the CEQA exemption under section 15301. The project has been received a CDP exemption from Santa Barbara County P&D and a NEPA Categorical Exclusion has been issued under Section 6004 based on existing land uses and where the actions were originally evaluated in accordance with applicable laws, regulation and surrounding circumstances have not changed.


Department/Division Representative

March 26, 2009

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 statute of limitations on legal challenges.

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