

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** County of Santa Barbara Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Michael Soderman, Chief Financial and Administrative Office (on behalf of Joyce E. Dudley, District Attorney)

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):** N/A                    **Case No.:** N/A

**Location:** County of Santa Barbara

**Project Title:** California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Electronic Suspected Child Abuse Reporting System (E-SCARS) Program Grant.

**Project Description:** The E-SCARS Grant Program is funded by Cal OES, and has been awarded to the District Attorney’s Office for the development of an electronic suspected child abuse reporting system in Santa Barbara County.

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Not a Project: Section 15378(b)(4)
- Other

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** Section 15378(b)(4); the actions are not a project as they are the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** The Santa Barbara County Office of the District Attorney has applied for and been awarded grant funding for the eSCARS program. The District Attorney is requesting that the Board ratify the grant agreement. The eSCARS program will aid in the development of an electronic suspected child abuse reporting system in Santa Barbara County.

*Michael Soderman for MCA*  
Michael Soderman, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer  
Department/Division Representative

7/1/2020  
Date

Acceptance Date (date of final action on project): \_\_\_\_\_

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