

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
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From: (Public Agency) Santa Barbara County Water Agency

County Clerk
County of Santa Barbara

(Address)

Project Title: Authorization to seek and apply for water conservation grants from federal or state government agencies or other funding entities during FY2011-2012;

Project Location - Specific:
Santa Barbara County

Project Location - City: NA Project Location - County: Santa Barbara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Since the inception of Santa Barbara County's "Regional Water Efficiency Program" in the early 1990's, the County Water Agency has periodically obtained water conservation project grants from federal and state agencies. Funding through such grants has been an essential element in providing tools and programs to promote water conservation on a regional scale. However, the time allowed for submission of applications for such grants is often too short to allow for prior Board approval and coordination with cooperating agencies. Therefore, the Water Agency seeks the Board's approval to apply for appropriate water conservation grants during FY 2011-2012. Upon being awarded any such grants, the Water Agency will obtain Board approval and address any additional CEQA issues prior to accepting grant funds.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

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

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

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X Not a Project

Reasons why project is exempt:

Action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to 14 CCR 15378 (b)(4) (creation of government funding mechanisms)

Lead Agency Contact Person: Matt Naftaly Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 805 568-3542

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? [X] Yes [] No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 10/4/11 Title: Santa Barbara County Water Agency Manager

- [X] Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR:
[X] Signed by Applicant

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