

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

**FROM:** Community Services Department

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:** Santa Barbara County

**Project Title:** Community Choice Energy Feasibility Study Results

**Project Description:** CCE, also known as community choice aggregation (CCA), enables local governments to leverage the purchasing power of their residents, businesses, and governments to purchase or generate power for their communities. Before undertaking a CCE program, interested local governments typically complete a technical feasibility study. The County of Santa Barbara, in partnership with ten other jurisdictions throughout San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties, has commissioned a CCE feasibility study, the results of which are being presented as part of this action.


**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [§15061(b,3)]
- Other

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** 15262; Feasibility and Planning Studies.

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

Receipt and file of the CCE technical feasibility study does not result in direct physical impacts to the environment. A project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the Board has not approved, adopted or funded does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Review or Negative Declaration, but does require consideration of environmental factors. When individual projects and programs contained within these documents proceed to implementation, they may be subject to environmental review under NEPA and/or CEQA for possible impacts that are unique to that particular project and/or program.

Department/Division Representative  Date October 3, 2017  
Jennifer Cregar

Note: A copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days.

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