

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Transportation Division

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): Various Case No: Not Applicable

Location: Countywide

Project Title: Emergency Response Actions from Impacts of Storms and Continuation of Emergency Actions

Project Description: This Board item reports on and recommends continuing the emergency actions and work being done pursuant to the Public Works Director's authority under Resolution No. 19-327 for the 2023 winter storms (23STM1 and 23STM2) and the 2024 winter storms (24STM1 and 24STM2). This report adds Refugio Road culvert storm damage to list of emergency repair work listed in Attachment B.

Public Contract Code section 22050(b)(3) and (c)(2), requires the Public Works Department to regularly report on current emergency response work actions ordered by the Public Works Director pursuant to the delegated authority (see Attachment B). This allows the Board to comply with the statutory requirement to review the emergency action and determine by a four-fifths vote whether there is a need to continue the action.

Following the Board's initial review of the emergency actions, Public Contract Code Section 22050(c)(2) requires the Public Works Department to request that the Board review the emergency action at the next regular meeting, or every 14 days in the case of consecutive weekly regular meetings, and determine by a 4/5 vote that there is a need to continue the action until the action is terminated. Public Contract Code Section 22050 (c)(3) requires terminating the action at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant so that the remainder of the emergency response can be completed through normal competitive bid procedures.

Disaster response and recovery processes are actively in progress. The extended timeframe of these operations are a result of the extent and severity of damage, the multi-jurisdictional collaboration at some damage sites, and staff's attention to federal procedures and guidelines to maximize reimbursement. Public Works is planning to continue emergency operations with expedited procurement to ensure public safety and access to roadways and prevent from further exacerbation of vulnerable locations across the county.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Transportation Division

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:

Section 15269(c): Specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency that does not have a low probability of occurrence. The State of California proclaimed a state of emergency for eight counties, including Santa Barbara County, on February 4, 2024. On February 4, 2024, Santa Barbara County proclaimed a local emergency due to powerful storms beginning January 31, 2024.

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Signature: *Kalani Durham*

Acceptance Date: _____

Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenge

Date Filed by County Clerk