

**ATTACHMENT 2**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

**FROM:** Alex Tuttle, Planning & Development

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:** N/A      **Case No.:** 18EMP-00000-00005

**Location:** Highway 192 (Foothill Road between Ocean Oaks Road and La Mirada Street at Arroyo Paredon Creek)

**Project Title:** Arroyo Paredon Bridge Replacement and Road Repairs

**Project Applicant:** Justin Borders, Caltrans

**Project Description:** Replacement of the Arroyo Paredon bridge on Highway 192 (Foothill Road) that was damaged by the January 9, 2018 storm event, along with associated roadway approach improvements on either side of the bridge to meet Caltrans' standards, including 12-foot wide travel lanes and 4-foot wide road shoulders for approximately 690 feet westward of the bridge and 290 feet eastward of the bridge. The project also includes: 1) rock slope protection along the creek banks upstream and downstream of the bridge; 2) relocated driveway apron on the southeast side of the bridge approximately 170 feet east; 3) grading of approximately 120 cubic yards of cut and 4200 cubic yards of fill associated with the roadway improvements and 1900 cubic yards of cut associated with channel excavation; 4) removal of approximately 26 native and non-native trees; and 5) guard rails and a 24-foot long retaining wall on the westward side of bridge.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

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

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section 15269(a) – Emergency Projects, specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.**

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** This section allows for restoration and replacement of property and facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in a disaster stricken area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed, in this case, the Arroyo Paredon Bridge and areas of the surrounding road resulting from the January 9, 2018 storm event. Failure to immediately replace

the bridge could lead to an extended period of time in which this key roadway connector between Santa Barbara and Carpinteria is not available for emergency access. Additionally, this roadway serves as a key alternate route when emergencies trigger closure of the highway. Reopening this roadway is a priority to ensure full use of Highway 192 in anticipation of the next emergency.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Acceptance Date: \_\_\_\_\_

distribution: Hearing Support Staff

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