

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Santa Barbara County Flood Control District and Water Conservation District

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: 037-245-012, 037-245-020

Case No.: NA

Location: Santa Barbara County

Project Title: Lower Mission Creek Reach 2B-2 Debris Rack Repair

Project Description: During record storm flows in 2023, the metal debris rack of the Lower Mission Creek Reach 2B-2 bypass channel was destroyed when large amounts of debris accumulated on the rack and caused it to fail. This project will replace the rack with an updated design to address potential weak points and avoid future failure. The rack size and functionality will remain the same and will involve no expansion of former use.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- ☐ Ministerial
- ☐ Statutory Exemption
- ☒ **Categorical Exemption**
- ☐ Emergency Project
- ☐ Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Article 19, Categorical Exemption, Section 15301 – Existing Facilities. Class 1 consists of the operation, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The key consideration for Class 1 Exemption 15301 for Existing Facilities is whether the activity involves negligible or no expansion of use. The debris rack is an existing component of the stormwater bypass facility that is regularly managed and maintained for flood control purposes. The activity would not expand the size or change the use of the facility.

There are no scenic highways, hazardous waste sites, historical resources, or designated resources of critical concern or officially adopted. There are no unusual circumstances that

conclude a reasonable possibility that the activity would have a significant effect or cumulative impact on the environment pursuant to Section 15300.2.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Walter Rubalcava Phone #: 805-568-3436

Department/Division Representative: Seth Shank 

Date: May 29, 2025

NOTE: A copy of this document must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35-day statute of limitations on legal challenges.



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A scanned copy of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Receipt, Transmittal Memorandum and the CEQA filing, including the date/time of posting will be emailed to the Lead Agency and Project Applicant. If you would like a return copy, please submit an extra copy along with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

Contact Person Seth Shank		Phone 805-568-3443	
Lead Agency Santa Barbara County Flood Control & Water Conservation District		Lead Agency Email sshank@countyofsb.org	
Project Title Lower Mission Creek Reach 2B-2 Debris Rack Repair Project			
Project Applicant Walter Rubalcava		Phone 805-568-3436	
Email wrubalc@countyofsb.org		State CA	
Project Applicant Address 130 E. Victoria Street, STE 200		Zip 93101	
City Santa Barbara			

DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- ☐ Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

☐ 2025 Filing Fee\$4,123.50

☐ Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**)\$0.00

☐ No Effect Determination (**must be attached**).....\$0.00

Environmental Filing Fees will be collected *only* for projects that are approved. The Applicant must attest to the following:

☐ This project has been approved. Date of Approval: Click or tap to enter a date.

- ☐ Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).....

☐ 2025 Filing Fee \$2,968.75

☐ Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) \$0.00

☐ No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption..... | \$0.00 |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Administrative Handling Fee (required for all filings, effective 7/19/18) | \$50.00 |

TOTAL: \$ 50.00

PAYMENT METHOD: ALL APPLICABLE FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF FILING

- ☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check # _____ ☐ Journal Entry # _____
In person only In FIN send to 'COB CEQA' in CEO Dept

Journal Entry

Document Number: JE - 0282726
Document Description: CEQA FEE-LOWER MISSION CREEK REACH 2B-2 DEBRIS
Post On: 5/30/2025

Created On: 5/30/2025 3:04:16 PM
Created By: Cindy Gonzalez

Batch ID: 3034093
Processed On:
Processed By:

References

Audit Trail: Cash Type: I - Interfund

Accounting

Fund	Dept	GL Acct	LI Acct	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Prog	OUnit	Proj	Act	Area	Equip	Depositor	Description
2610	054	2810	7510	50.00		3003		23STM1		S05C			CEQA FILING FEE-LMC REACH 2B-2 DEBRIS RACK RPR PRO
2610		0110			50.00								CEQA FILING FEE-LMC REACH 2B-2 DEBRIS RACK RPR PRO
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0001	012	2710	5746		50.00	4020							CEQA FILING FEE-LMC REACH 2B-2 DEBRIS RACK RPR PRO
Total				100.00	100.00								

Signatures

Signed By	Approval Level	Department/Agency-Fund Group	Signed On	Valid
Cindy Gonzalez		054-Public Works	5/30/2025 3:23:21 PM	Y



County of Santa Barbara, FIN

Printed: 5/30/2025 3:23:33 PM



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

Print

Start Over

Save

RECEIPT NUMBER:

42 — 06/26/2025 — 117

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY

County of Santa Barbara Flood Control

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

sshank@countyofsb.org

DATE

06/26/2025

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

Santa Barbara

DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE

Lower Mission Creek Reach 2B-2 Debris Rack Repair Project

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

Walter Rubalcava

PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL

wrubalc@countyofsb.org

PHONE NUMBER

(805) 568-3436

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 200

CITY

Santa Barbara

STATE

CA

ZIP CODE

93101

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)



Local Public Agency



School District



Other Special District



State Agency



Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:



Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

\$4,123.50

\$

0.00



Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)

\$2,968.75

\$

0.00



Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW

\$1,401.75

\$

0.00



Exempt from fee



Notice of Exemption (attach)



CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)



Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)



Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)

\$850.00

\$

0.00



County documentary handling fee

\$

50.00



Other

\$

PAYMENT METHOD:



Cash



Credit



Check



Other

TOTAL RECEIVED

\$

50.00

SIGNATURE

x Katherine Douglas

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Katherine Douglas, Deputy Clerk