

**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 Barbary County

**Project Title:** Amendments to the emPower Funding Agreements through 2017

**Project Description:** emPower Central Coast is the County’s voluntary building efficiency program designed to lower energy use across the region and stimulate the economy. The California Energy Commission (CEC) Agreement provides funding to support the County’s emPower program, and the Amendment extends the term of the Agreement to April of 2030 and expands the existing scope of work to include additional activities and market sectors. Amendments to the County of Ventura and San Luis Obispo Agreements would allow pass through funding made available by the Amendment to the CEC Agreement.

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

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

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** 15378(b)(4); the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project are not a project.

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

Approval of the Amendments does not result in direct physical impacts to the environment. 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 which are unique to that particular project and/or program.

Department/Division Representative Jill Van Wie Date 2/22/17  
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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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