

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department of Public Works – Transportation Division
(Lead Department/Division)

Based on a preliminary review of the project the following activity 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.:** 862361 and 862362

LOCATION: 105 East Anapamu Street, 4th Floor Board of Supervisors Hearing Room

PROJECT TITLE: Contract for Topographic and Right-of-Way Survey

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Request for the Board of Supervisors to approve and authorize the Chair to execute a professional services contract with MNS Engineers, Inc. in the base amount of \$96,940.00 for Topographic and Right-of-Way survey for two Refugio Road Low Water Crossings over Refugio Creek, Third Supervisorial District, County Project Nos. 862361 and 862362.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15306]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b, 3)]
- Not a Project

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15306 Information Collection:

Class 6 exemptions consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

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

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is the responsible agency to award a contract professional design services for a Capital Improvement Project. The execution of a professional services contract is basic data collection which will not in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. Further, the execution of the contract will not create any unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect.

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Acceptance Date: **October 20, 2015**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



Morgan M. Jones

Date

September 22, 2015

NOTE: A copy of this document must be posted with the County's Planning & Development Department at least 6 days prior to consideration of the activity by the decision-makers to comply with County CEQA guidelines and a copy 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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