

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 (Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 et seq.), as defined in the State CEQA Guidelines and County Revised CEQA Guidelines.

APN(s) 129-151-016 Project No. NA

LOCATION: Orcutt, corner of Stillwell Road and Chancellor Street in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

PROJECT TITLE: Parcel Map No. 14,754.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Santa Barbara County Surveyor's Office is reviewing Parcel Map No. 14,754 (APN 129-151-016; the "Property") which Property is located just south of the City of Santa Maria, on the corner of Stillwell Road and Chancellor Street in the Fourth Supervisorial District. If recorded the above Map will split the Property into two legal parcels and will grant to the County a twenty foot (20') wide public utility easement. The proposed public utility easement is located along the eastern edge of the Property as shown on the Parcel Map. The acceptance of the utility easement will not be consummated until the subject parcel map is recorded. Prior to recordation the County Surveyor will be satisfied that the subject parcel map is technically correct, conforms to the approved Tentative Map (or approved alterations thereto), and complies with all applicable laws and regulations.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Public Works, S.B. County Surveyor

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
 Statutory Exemption
 Categorical Exemption
 Emergency Project
 Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15304: Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees...

Reasons to support exemption findings: Consistent with this exemption, this proposed project does not occur on land with a slope of more than ten percent. The project not located in any wetland or an officially designated (by federal, state, or local government action) scenic area, or

in officially mapped areas of severe geologic hazard. There are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. Therefore, this project can be found to be categorically exempt from CEQA.

There is no substantial evidence that there are unusual circumstances (including future activities) resulting in (or which might reasonably result in) significant impacts which threaten the environment. The exceptions to the categorical exemptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines are:

- (a) **Location.** Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located -- a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 is a Class 4 exemption; therefore, this exception does not apply as this area is not in a mapped environmentally sensitive habitat area or in an officially mapped area of severe geologic hazard or officially designated (by federal, state, or local government action) scenic area. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (b) **Cumulative Impact.** All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

The project involves the recording of a map to split a single parcel into two legal parcels. The local zoning ordinance for the subject parcel does not allow the parcel to be split again; any future development project on the parcels shall be regulated with permits by the local planning authority. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (c) **Significant Effect.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

The project is not located in any wetland or an officially designated (by federal, state, or local government action) scenic area, or in officially mapped areas of severe geologic hazard. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (d) **Scenic Highways.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.

The project does not involve a scenic highway or a project which may result in damage to a scenic resource, removal of trees, rock outcropping or similar resource. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (e) **Hazardous Waste Sites.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

The parcel in question was researched on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Enviromapper web site. The web site provides access to several EPA databases to provide information about environmental activities that may affect air, water, and land anywhere in the United States. The subject property is not included on any lists compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government code. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

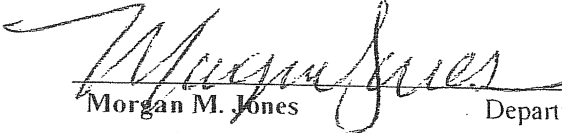
- (f) **Historical Resources.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The parcel was reviewed with Planning and Developments' GIS Data map for historic resources. The subject parcel is not identified with any historical resources. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

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Acceptance Date: **December 6, 2011**


Morgan M. Jones Department Representative November 1, 2011 Date

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 statue of limitations on legal challenges.

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