

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): 071-200-017 and 071-200-009 **Case No.:** N/A

Location: Goleta Beach County Park, 5986 Sandspit Road, Goleta 93117

Project Title: California Coastal Commission (CCC) Amendment to Coastal Development Permit (CDP) No. 4-14-0687

Project Description: Coastal Development Permit (CDP) No. 4-14-0687 was issued in December 2015 for retention of a 1,200 foot revetment for a period of up to 20 years with certain conditions. These conditions include beach and revetment monitoring and an adaptive management plan (AMP) to protect the park facilities. The proposed Amendment to CDP No. 4-14-0687 would retain emergency repairs to approximately 10,000 square feet of the central park lawn area that were lost due to high tides and strong wave action during the 2015/2016 El Niño storm season. The repairs consist of a base layer of a cobblestone filled geotextile filter fabric cell, five geotextile filter fabric cells filled one to two feet in height with compacted earth and an approximate four foot top layer of soil. The repairs have been mechanically and naturally covered with sand at the seaward vertical edge of the repaired lawn area.

Exempt Status:

Statutory

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: California Public Resources Code section 21080.5; CEQA Guidelines sections 15002(l) and 15251(c)

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

The Coastal Commission has previously certified a Local Coastal Program for Santa Barbara County. Pursuant to Section 30601.3(a) of the California Coastal Act (Public Resources Code sections 30000 et seq.), the applicant, appropriate local government, and the Coastal Commission Executive Director may agree to consolidate a permit action for a project that spans local and state jurisdictions, thus allowing the Coastal Commission to process a single application covering the entire project.

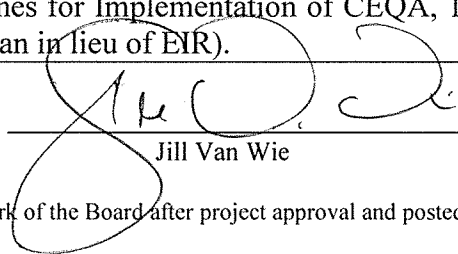
In a letter to Coastal Commission staff dated March 4, 2015, County requested that the Coastal Commission assume jurisdiction over all activities associated with the Goleta Beach Project. The County of Santa Barbara, as the applicant, both consented to, and facilitated this consolidated jurisdictional process, and the Coastal Commission's Executive Director agreed.

Section 13096(a) of the Commission's administrative regulations requires Commission approval of a Coastal Development Permit application to be supported by a finding showing the

application, as conditioned by any conditions of approval, to be consistent with any applicable requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

As the decisionmaker on the CDP Amendment, the Coastal Commission will conduct environmental review, if necessary, pursuant to its certified state regulatory program. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21080.5.) This will include analyzing any alternatives or feasible mitigation measures, if appropriate.

The authorization to submit the CDP Amendment and, if approved by the Coastal Commission, the acceptance of the terms and conditions of the CDP, will therefore be in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 21080.5 and CEQA Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA, 14 CCR Section 15002(l) and 15251(c) (certified regulatory plan in lieu of EIR).

Department/Division Representative  Date May 12, 2016
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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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