

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Planning & Development

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: 141-121-051; 141-140-010; 141-240-002; 141-230-023

Case No.: N/A

Location: Camp 4, Santa Ynez Valley, Third Supervisorial District

Title: Memorandum of Agreement For Camp 4

Description: Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between Santa Barbara County and the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians regarding the Camp 4 property in the Santa Ynez Valley area of the Third Supervisorial District.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Guidelines 15378(b)(4) and 15378(b)(5)

Reasons to support exemption findings:

The Memorandum of Agreement would resolve litigation filed by the County against the Department of the Interior (DOI) and various DOI officials regarding the DOI's decision to take Camp 4 into trust for the Tribe and remove the property from the County's jurisdiction. The Memorandum of Agreement would set forth funding of services for potential impacts to County services from Camp 4, require the Tribe to comply with the Finding of No Significant Impact and Final Environmental Assessment prepared for the trust acquisition, and require the County to dismiss its litigation and support federal legislation regarding Camp 4. Nothing in this Agreement commits the County to undertake any infrastructure improvement or other physical change to the environment. If the County proposes any infrastructure improvement or other project in the future, any environmental review required by the California Environmental Quality Act shall be completed. The Memorandum of Agreement, therefore, does not meet the definition of a "project" pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) and 15378(b)(5), which exempts government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment; and organizational or administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

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