

ATTACHMENT 2: ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Nereyda (Rey) Harmon, 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: 005-210-056 **Case Nos.:** 19CUP-00000-00004, 19CDP-00000-00055, and
19APL- 00000-00029

Location: 2800 Via Real Lane

Project Title: Carpinteria Valley Farms Helistop

Project Applicant:

Patrick M. Nesbitt
Carpinteria Valley Farms, Ltd.
205 Lambert Road
Carpinteria, CA 93013

Project Description:

The request is for a Conditional Use Permit and associated Coastal Development Permit to authorize operation of a helistop with one landing zone to be used for (1) personal use by the property owner and (2) emergency services. The personal use helicopter type shall be a Robinson R44 (or similar, not to exceed noise produced by an R44). The landing zone would consist of one approximately 25 sq. ft. plastic tarp, located toward the center of the property that would be temporarily placed prior to landing and removed following take-off. The landing zone would be located on an existing 10-acre grass field.

Personal use of the helistop would be limited to a maximum of two times per week (two landings and two take-offs) between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm. Emergency responders that would use the helistop for emergency services include International Emergency Services, LLC and the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department. Frequency of use of the helistop by emergency responders would be on an as-needed basis and dependent upon the nature of potential emergencies such as fires, floods, debris flows, and other emergencies.

The helicopter to be used by the owner would take the ocean route as opposed to the mountain route in order to avoid any potential disturbance to residences along the mountain route. See Attachment D of the Planning Commission Staff Report dated June 18, 2019 for an exhibit showing the proposed ocean route flight path. There would be no refueling or maintenance of the helicopters at the proposed helistop. Restrooms within existing structures on the property would be available for emergency responder aircrews. This project does not propose any construction.

The property will continue to be served by the Montecito Water District, Summerland Sanitary District, and Carpinteria-Summerland Fire District. Access will continue to be provided off of Lambert Road, Via Real, and Montecito Ranch Lane. The property is a 19.78-acre parcel zoned AG-I-20 and shown as

Assessor's Parcel Number 005-210-056, located at 2800 Via Real in the Summerland/Carpinteria area, First Supervisorial District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Patrick M. Nesbitt

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
 Statutory Exemption
 Categorical Exemption
 Emergency Project
 Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15270(a)

Reasons to support exemption findings:

The County of Santa Barbara is recommending denial of the project. CEQA does not apply to projects which a public agency rejects or disapproves.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Nereyda (Rey) Harmon

Phone #: 805-450-7806 Department/Division Representative: 

Date: May 18, 2020

Acceptance Date: _____

distribution: Hearing Support Staff

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____.