

## 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.

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**Case No.:** 720548

**LOCATION:** Adjacent to Sand Point Road in the First Supervisorial District in the Carpinteria area.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Sandyland Seawall Maintenance District No. 1 Proposed Benefit Assessment

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Public Works requests that the Board approve and implement the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016/17 benefit assessment for the Sandyland Seawall Maintenance District No. 1. The proposed Benefit Assessment will range from approximately \$20,000 to \$109,000 per parcel and will generate approximately \$751,000 in revenues. The Board of Supervisors manages and implements of services funded through the benefit assessment tax for the Sandyland Seawall Maintenance District Number 1. Santa Barbara County's fee resolution identifies a funding source to finance maintenance and repairs to adopt the benefit assessment rates in order to assess them on the tax roll. The Sandyland Seawall Maintenance District No. 1 Proposed Benefit Assessment is funded through a benefit assessment. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors must adopt the resolution entitled "Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California Imposing a 2016-17 Benefit Assessment within Sandyland Seawall Maintenance District No. 1

**EXEMPT STATUS :( Check One)**

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15301]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b, 3)]

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** 15273 (a) (1). Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges.

CEQA does not apply to the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, or other charges by public agencies which the public agency finds are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses.

**Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):** The exemption from CEQA is granted by the Legislature by statute as this administrative action involves the modification and structuring of charges. The proposed benefit assessment will be used for meeting operational expenses incurred to maintain the Sandyland Seawall Maintenance District No. 1 in unincorporated Santa Barbara County. Therefore, the project is contemplated by the CEQA statutory exemption under section 15273. Further, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect.

As part of this action, and based upon the facts and analysis set forth in the agenda sheet and during the public hearing on this matter on November 15, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board will adopt the specific finding pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15273, subsection (c), as follows:

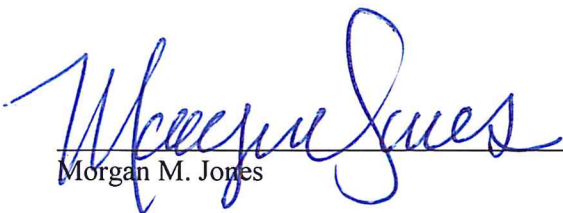
1. The amendment of the fee resolution for Sandyland Seawall Maintenance District No. 1 is to meet the operational expenses of the Public Works Department.

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Acceptance Date: **September 20, 2016**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



Morgan M. Jones

September 8, 2016

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 statute of limitations on legal challenges.

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