

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Health Department

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.

APN(s) N / A Case No: N / A

Location: COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

Project Title: FEDERAL GRANT AWARD FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (HMEP) PLANNING

Project Description: Acceptance of a federal grant award for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Planning.

Exempt Status: (Check One)

Ministerial Statutory Categorical Exemption Emergency Project

No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec 15061(b,3)]. Other

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15378(b)(4); grant funding used to update the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Plan (Area Plan) and supporting the CUPA to increase its capability to effectively respond to a hazardous materials spill or incident in the County in coordination with other local, state, and federal agencies are not a project as defined by CEQA.

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

15378(b)(4); "Project" as defined by CEQA does not include the creation for government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project.

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Date

NOTE: A copy must be posted in the Santa Barbara County Planning and 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 limitation on legal challenges.

Distribution: Planning and Development Department

Date Filed with the County Clerk