

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works Department; Flood Control and Water Conservation District and Transportation Division

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) : Various Case No.: N/A

Location: Thomas Fire Burned Watersheds and all associated downstream areas (Include street address and cross street (if urbanized area) or attach specific location map)

Project Title: Post January 9th Storm; Emergency Operations

Project Description: The Santa Barbara County Public Works Department will implement necessary emergency measures to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Barbara County Flood Control District and the Santa Barbara County Transportation Division

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
[X] Statutory Exemption
Categorical Exemption
[X] Emergency Project
Declared Emergency

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Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15269 subsection (c): Specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency that does not have a low probability of occurrence

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

The Thomas Fire has impacted several watersheds across the south coast of Santa Barbara County. A storm beginning on January 8th, 2018 resulted in devastating debris flows and flooding between the communities of Santa Barbara and Carpinteria. As a result of the emergency, the Santa Barbara County Public Works Department has engaged in emergency response and will continue to implement emergency measures to mitigate the initial emergency and prevent or mitigate subsequent emergencies resulting from storms during the 2018 winter.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Maureen Spencer Phone #: (805) 568-3437

Department/Division Representative: Maureen Spencer Date: February 16, 2018

Acceptance Date:

Note: A copy of this form must be posted at P&D 6 days prior to a decision on the project. Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

distribution: Hearing Support Staff Project file (when P&D permit is required)

Date Filed by County Clerk