

**ATTACHMENT B
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Santa Barbara County Planning and Development Department

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: Not Applicable **Case No.:** Not Applicable

Location: Not Applicable

Project Title: Coastal Resources Mitigation Fund (CRMF) Contract Administration

Project Applicants: University of California Santa Barbara

Project Description: Execution of a previously approved CRMF Contract for the University of California Santa Barbara.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project: County of Santa Barbara

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency
- Not a Project

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

Reasons to support exemption findings:

The CRMF Grant for the University of California Santa Barbara's Coastal Mesa Restoration project is not considered a "Project" under CEQA Section 15378(b)(4). CEQA Section 15378(b)(4) defines a "Project" as not including governmental fiscal activities which will not result in a potentially significant impact on the environment. This restoration project has an approved Coastal Development Permit under the University's Lagoon Management Plan LRDP Amendment and has

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completed all CEQA review. The Mitigated Negative Declaration dated December 4, 2008 (SCH No. 2008061145), demonstrated all potentially significant environmental impacts were mitigated to a less than significant level. Therefore, the CRMF Grant for the Coastal Mesa Restoration Project is a government funding mechanism that will have no potentially significant impacts on the environment.

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