

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Henry Wakamiya, Planner, Planning and 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: 155-240-030

Case No.: 23EMP-00013

Location: 892 Toro Canyon Road

Project Title: Sheridan Family Trust – Emergency Permit

Project Applicant: Bob Easton, AIA, Architect

Project Description: The proposed project is for the repair of a private road, embankment, and drainage swale, and the addition of a new soldier pile retaining wall (maximum 10-foot height) to retain a portion of a private roadway serving 892 Toro Canyon Road and adjacent properties. The roadway was damaged and undermined during the heavy storms of 2023 as a result of overflow from a drainage culvert located south of the roadway. Erosion as a result of the storm undermined the roadway, leaving a portion of the roadway unstable and prone to collapse. This has created potentially dangerous emergency conditions for residents in the area. All work will be completed to the specifications outlined in the structural calculations and drawings prepared by Braun & Associates, Inc., dated February 27, 2023, and March 3, 2023, respectively. Project grading includes 415 cubic yards of cut and 475 cubic yards of fill. Temporary erosion control measures will be implemented during construction, including the use of fiber rolls, hydro-mulching, silt fences, hay bale sediment traps as noted on Page C3 of the project plans. No trees are proposed for removal and no Environmentally Sensitive Habitat is located within the project area. Construction will be carried out by Lynch Construction. The work is expected to be completed within 60 days of permit issuance. The parcel will continue to be served by the Montecito Water District, a private septic system, and the Carpinteria/Summerland Fire Protection District. Access will continue to be taken from an existing private easement and driveway off Toro Canyon Road. The application involves Assessor's Parcel Numbers 155-240-030. The property is zoned RR-20 and located at 892 Toro Canyon Road in the Toro Canyon Community Plan area, First Supervisorial District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County

Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project: Lynch Construction

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guidelines Section: Section 15269(c), Emergency Projects

Reasons to support exemption findings: *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15269(c) exempts “specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.” Emergency action is warranted in this case because the 2023 winter storms damaged and undermined the existing roadway, creating emergency conditions. Therefore, this statutory exemption applies to the proposed project.

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Acceptance Date: _____

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