

ATTACHMENT 2: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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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): Not applicable

Case No.: Not applicable

Location: Countywide

Project Title: Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant Program Application

Project Description: The Planning and Development Department (P&D) is requesting the Board of Supervisors’ authorization to submit a REAP grant application for \$164,403 to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG), which acts on behalf of the Central Coast Housing Working Group. P&D would use the funds to analyze existing and projected housing needs for the State-mandated 2024-2032 *Housing Element Update* (Housing Element Update) during Fiscal Years 2020-2021 through 2022-2023.

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(5) and 15060(c)(3)

Reasons to support exemption findings: CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) states, “an activity is not subject to CEQA if ... the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378.” Additionally, CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) provides that a project does not include “administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.” The approval and submittal of the REAP Grant Program application and required grant documents to AMBAG is an administrative government activity that will not result in physical changes to the environment. Thus, this activity is not a “project” pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) and is not subject to environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3).

Department/Division Representative

Date

Acceptance Date (date of final action on project): _____

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____