

Attachment B - CEQA Exemption

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Alex Tuttle, Planning & 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: 007-340-040

Case Nos.: 14EMP-00000-00009

Location: Crane Country Day School, 1841 San Leandro Lane, Montecito, 1st Supervisorial District

Project Title: Crane Country Day School Oak Tree Removal

Project Applicant: Crane Country Day School

Project Description: Removal of a slowly toppling, aged oak tree (*Quercus agrifolia*) on the Crane Country Day School campus. Tree has a hollow center, extensive Oak Root Fungus, softened basal trunk tissue and a four foot open curving crack in the trunk about five feet up from ground level.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Charles Watson, Crane Country Day School

Exempt Status: (Check one)

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

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15269(c) – Emergency Projects, specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

Reasons to support exemption findings: This section allows for emergency actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency, in this case, removal of an oak tree to prevent a public safety hazard associated with uncontrolled toppling of the tree.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Alex Tuttle Phone #: 884-6844

Department/Division Representative: _____ Date: _____

Acceptance Date: _____

distribution: Hearing Support Staff

Project file (when P&D permit is required)
Date Filed by County Clerk: _____.