

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works Department/Flood Control and Water Conservation District

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.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APN(s) : 017-271-001 Case No. Not Applicable

Location: On the sandy beach southeast of the intersection of Calle Cesar Chavez and Cabrillo Boulevard.
(Include street address and cross street (if urbanized area) or attach specific location map)

Project Title: East Side Storm Drain Beach Outlet Reconstruction.

Project Description: The East Side Storm Drain (System) was constructed by the District in 1977 and is the largest storm drain system in the City of Santa Barbara. The System is designed to convey storm water from its upper end, where it intercepts runoff from the relatively steep Quarantina watershed (605 acres), across the flatter and more urban east side of Santa Barbara, where it discharges at the beach through a concrete outlet structure.

The Outlet is exposed to the harsh marine environment and the concrete structure and metal flap gate have deteriorated to a point beyond repair, warranting a full reconstruction. The District's proposed Project is to reconstruct the existing concrete outlet structure in kind, utilizing modern material improvements designed for the marine environment. The anticipated design life for the reconstructed outlet structure is 50 years.
(Include nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of project)

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Barbara County Flood Control District

- Exempt Status: (Check one)
- Ministerial
 - Statutory Exemption
 - Categorical Exemption
 - Emergency Project
 - Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15301 Existing Facilities. CEQA Guideline Section 15301 (d): Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Reasons to support exemption findings: Consistent with this exemption, the project is not located in any wetland or an officially designated (by federal, state, or local government action) scenic area, or in officially mapped areas of severe geologic hazard. There are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. Therefore, this project can be found to be categorically exempt from CEQA.

There is no substantial evidence that there are unusual circumstances (including future activities) resulting in (or which might reasonably result in) significant impacts which threaten the environment. The exceptions to the categorical exemptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines are:

- (a) **Cumulative Impact.** All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

This is the original structure that was built in 1977 and maintenance since then has consisted of as-needed patching and greasing of metal hinges. All impacts are temporary; therefore this exception does not apply.

- (b) **Significant Effect.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

The current structure has been in place for 42 years and has not had any significant effect on the environment due to any unusual circumstances and this structure will be replaced in kind. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (c) **Scenic Highways.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.

The project does not involve a scenic highway or a project which may result in damage to a scenic resource, removal of trees, rock outcropping or similar resource. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (d) **Hazardous Waste Sites.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

There are no hazardous wastes sites within any of the project sites. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (e) **Historical Resources.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

There are no historic resources in any of the project sites; therefore, this exception does not apply.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Seth Shank Phone #: (805) 568-3443

Department/Division Representative: _____ Date: November 26, 2019

Signature: *Seth Shank*

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.

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