

**ATTACHMENT 2: CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Kathy Pfeifer

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.

**APNs:** 081-220-002; 081-220-014; 081-230-019; 081-230-025

**Case No.:** 87-DP-32; 09PMC-00000-00008

**Location:** 12000 Calle Real, Gaviota Coast

**Project Title:** Groundwater consulting services for ExxonMobil Las Flores Canyon Groundwater Management Plan

**Project Applicant:** ExxonMobil Production Company

**Project Description:** Approval of a contract to provide groundwater consulting to the Planning & Development Department, Energy & Minerals Division on ExxonMobil's Las Flores Canyon (LFC) oil and gas facility. Approval of the contract does not meet the definition of a "project" pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

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

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

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

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section** 15378(b)(5)

**Reasons to support exemption findings:**

Approval of the contract to provide groundwater consulting services does not meet the definition of a "project" pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), which exempts organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. There is no substantial evidence that approval of the contract involves unusual circumstances, including future activities, resulting in or which might reasonably result in significant impacts which threaten the environment.

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Department/Division Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: August 2, 2016

Acceptance Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution:     Hearing Support Staff

Project file (when P&D permit is required)

Date Filed by County Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_.

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