

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Health Department

Based on a preliminary review of the project the following activity 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) N / A Case No: N / A

Location: COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

Project Title: COUNTY DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANT

Project Description: Authorize the Director of the Public Health Department, or Designee, to submit a County Drought Resilience Planning Assistance Grant application to the State Department of Water Resources, and to execute any agreement to receive financial assistance funds in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 for prepare a County Drought Resilience Plan pursuant to California Water Code Section 10609.70 (Senate Bill 552, 2001).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara

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

Exempt Status: (Check One)

Ministerial Statutory Categorical Exemption Emergency Project

No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec 15061(b)(3)].

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:

CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3), 15306, 15307, and 15308

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):

Authorization of a Drought Resilience Planning Assistance Grant application and agreement is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline Section 15061(b)(3), since it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities may have a significant effect on the environment; and CEQA Guideline Sections 15306, 15307, and 15308, because these actions are for information collection and for the protection of natural resources and the environment.

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NOTE: A copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35-day statute of limitation on legal challenges.

Date Filed with the County Clerk