

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Department/Office of Real Estate Services

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): Caltrans Parcel 2261-01-03 (no APN Portion of Unused State Highway)

Location: Near the intersection of Harris Grade Road and Burton Mesa Boulevard in the unincorporated area of the County of Santa Barbara, CA

Project Title: County of Santa Barbara purchase of Caltrans Excess Land Identified as Caltrans Parcel 2261-01-03 in the Lompoc Area

Project Description: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54220-54227, the State Department of Transportation notified Santa Barbara County of their intent to sell excess land in the Lompoc area. Subsequently, the County is proposing to purchase the parcel identified as Caltran’s parcels 2261-01-03. County’s purchase of unimproved excess land offered by Caltrans will be used as currently zoned (open space/recreation).

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption (15325)
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061 (b, 3)]

Cite Specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15325 (Transfer of Ownership of Interest in Land to Preserve Existing Natural Conditions)

Reasons to Support Exemption Findings: The proposed purchase of unimproved excess land from Caltrans does not change the current use of the property; there are no proposals submitted to alter the property from its current use; and the acquisition of the property does not require any modifications; making it unlikely that the property would be used for a broader use, thus this project is exempt from environmental review as stated in CEQA Guidelines Section 15325: consists of transfers of ownership in interests in land in order to preserve open space.


Department/Division Representative

7.25.12
Date

NOTE: A copy of this document must be posted with the County’s Planning and Development Department at least 6 days prior to consideration of the activity by the decision-makers to comply with County CEQA guidelines, and a copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

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