

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Transportation Division

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(s) : Various Case No: Not Applicable

Location: Countywide

Project Title: Emergency Response Actions from Impacts of Storms and Continuation of Emergency Actions.

Project Description:

Severe storms and rain events in early February 2024 resulted in flooding, sedimentation, and debris impacts throughout Santa Barbara County. As a result of the damages and the need to repair public infrastructure and drainage facilities, the Santa Barbara County Public Works Department - Transportation Division has engaged in emergency response and will continue to implement emergency measures to mitigate the emergency and prevent or mitigate subsequent emergencies during the remaining winter rainy season. The emergency response activities may include – but are not limited to – debris removal, sediment management, creek and channel repairs, culvert repairs, vegetation management, and other facility repairs and maintenance.

There is not an insignificant chance of additional storms this winter rainy season, and immediate action is required to remove debris from facilities in order to make public roads accessible and create additional capacity in the event of additional storms.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Transportation Division

Exempt Status:

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

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:

Section 15269(c): Specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency that does not have a low probability of occurrence. The State of California proclaimed a state of emergency for eight counties, including Santa Barbara County, on February 4, 2024. On February 4, 2024, Santa Barbara County proclaimed a local emergency due to powerful storms beginning January 31, 2024.

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Department/Division Representative: Kalani Durham Date: February 7, 2024

Signature: *Kalani Durham*

Acceptance Date: February 23, 2024

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 challenge

Date Filed by County Clerk