

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**FROM: Department of Public Works – Transportation Division**  
(Lead Department/Division)

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:** All Supervisorial Districts in the County of Santa Barbara.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Ordinance Amendment to Establish a Fee Schedule for Special Events Permits

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Santa Barbara County is proposing a fee resolution that identifies a funding source for special event permit. The Public Works department seeks to charge a fee to recuperate costs for processing, reviewing, approving and enforcing conditions of special event permits. Special events permits would be categorized into five specific categories to achieve the full recovery of associated costs with each category of special event.

**EXEMPT STATUS :( Check One)**

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15301]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b,3)]

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** 15273 (a) (1). Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges.

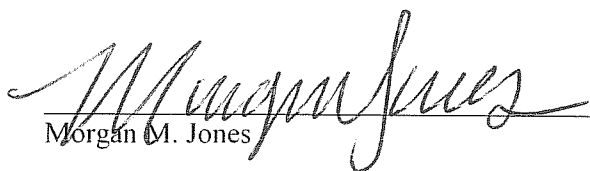
CEQA does not apply to the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, or other charges by public agencies which the public agency finds are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses.

**Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):** The exemption from CEQA is granted by the Legislature by statute as this administrative action involves the modification and structuring of charges. The proposed action for the establishment of the new permit fees will not allow for the expansion of services or facilities and that any increased revenues will be used for meeting operational expenses, financial reserve needs and other requirements. Therefore the project is contemplated by the CEQA exemption under section 15273. Further, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect.

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Acceptance Date: **December 13, 2011**

  
Morgan M. Jones

November 22, 2011  
Date

**NOTE:** A copy of this document must be posted with the County's Planning & 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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