

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Diane Sauer, Fiscal Manager

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: n/a **Case No.:** n/a

Location: Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District

Project Title: Fire Development Impact Mitigation Fees and Amendments to Chapter 15 of the County Code

Project Applicant: Santa Barbara County Fire Department

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

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

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency
- No Possibility of Significant Effect (CEQA Section 15061(b)(3))

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Section 15061(b)(3) states that “the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA”.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The proposed Resolutions and Ordinance will adjust Department-wide Fire development impact mitigation fees for residential and nonresidential development within the Department’s service area and replace the prior Department-wide impact fees, the Orcutt Fire Protection Mitigation Fees and the Goleta Fire Protection Mitigation Fees. This is not related to any development projects, and there is no possibility that the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment. Projects subject to the Fire development impact mitigation fees will be subject to compliance with CEQA; therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this project may have a significant effect on the environment.

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Acceptance Date: _____

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