

ATTACHMENT C

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Comprehensive Planning Division
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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) : Not applicable

Location: 3rd District, Draft Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan Area

Project Title: Procedures for Acceptance of General Plan Amendments and Rezones
in the Draft Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan Boundary

Project Description: Current County procedure is to decline for consideration general plan amendments and/or rezones in the Draft Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan (hereinafter "SYVCP") boundary unless the project is considered to be a public benefit as determined by the Planning Commission until the Final SYVCP is adopted.

The proposed revision and clarification of County procedure regarding rezones and general plan amendments in the proposed SYVCP boundary would allow projects to be considered for a general plan amendment and/or rezone if it is consistent with the SYVCP and/or deemed by the Planning Commission to be a public benefit.

A project consistent with the SYVCP and/or determined to be a public benefit would require the preparation of an environmental document to analyze the impacts related to land use and/or zoning changes. If projects are approved prior to the final SYVCP adoption, the associated zoning and land use designations would be implemented on a case by case basis.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory [Pub. Res. Code §21083.3; CEQA Guidelines §15060 (c) (3) and §15378 (b) (2).]
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Consistent with Existing General Plan

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

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c) (3) the proposed procedure change is not subject to CEQA. The proposed activity does not qualify as a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 (b) (2) because it consists of a change to a general procedure regarding a continuing administrative activity consisting of exercising the County's legislative discretion regarding the initiation of general plan amendments and/or rezones within the SYVCP boundary. Further, the action is not a

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project under CEQA because this action will not: allow for any specific development, provide for any changes in permit review standards, or result in any direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change.

Therefore, it is proposed that the Board of Supervisors accept Attachment A, a determination that Pub. Res. Code §21080 (b) (9) and CEQA Guidelines §15060 (c) (3) and §15378 (b) (2) apply to the proposed procedure revision.

Department/Division Representative

Date

Acceptance Date: _____ 12/07/07

Note: 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 challenges.

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff
 Project file (when P&D permit is required)

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