

Attachment A
Notice of Exemption

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Heather Allen, Planning and Development

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: Countywide

Project Title: Santa Barbara County Coastal Resiliency Project Phase I

Project Description: Planning and Development is seeking authorization from the Board of Supervisors to accept grant funding from the Climate Ready Grant Program for Coastal Hazard Modeling and development of a Vulnerability Assessment. The project implements the policies in the Local Coastal Program adopted by the Board of Supervisors. The resolution authorizing acceptance of the grant also authorizes the Director of Santa Barbara County Planning and Development to enter into a contract to accept a grant from the California State Coastal Conservancy in compliance with the State Coastal Conservancy requirements.

Name of Person or Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County Planning and Development

Exempt Status: (Check one)

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

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15262 – A project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded does not require the preparation of an EIR or Negative Declaration but does require consideration of environmental factors. This section does not apply to the adoption of a plan that will have a legally binding effect on later activities.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The grant funds for coastal hazard modeling and a vulnerability assessment qualifies for an exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 as the project involves planning studies for identification of possible future actions that have not been approved, adopted, or funded by the County.

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Department/Division Representative:  Date: 6/3/14

Acceptance Date: _____

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