

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Department/Support Services 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) 131-040-003

Case No. Real Property File No. 003639

LOCATION: Plowshare Peak, Los Padres National Forest, County of Santa Barbara, California

PROJECT TITLE: Plowshare Peak Communications Site

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Sublease and relocation of County of Santa Barbara's existing communications equipment from existing, aging communications facility jointly owned by County of Santa Barbara and the U.S. Forest Service to the adjacent, upgraded, existing communications facility owned by County of San Luis Obispo.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- Ministerial
 Statutory
 Categorical Exemption [Section 15301]
 Emergency Project
 No Possibility of Significant Effect

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section(s): 15301: "...operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination."

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project involves subleasing and minor alteration of existing public facilities and communications equipment involving negligible expansion of use beyond the existing communications use.



Department/Division Representative

9-14-11

Date

NOTE: A copy of this document 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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