

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department of Public Works/Engineering 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 Project No. N/A

LOCATION Third Supervisorial District.

PROJECT TITLE Maintenance and Surface Treatment Programs

PROJECT DESCRIPTION The program category description is within the Road Maintenance Annual Plan (RdMAP). The project is routine maintenance of County roads in the Gaviota coastal and in inland areas, Isla Vista, Santa Ynez and other unincorporated areas, consisting of items such as filling of potholes, fog sealing, thin lift overlays and leveling courses.

EXEMPT STATUS:(Check One)

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

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section 15301 (c) Existing Facilities - "...consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including but not limited to:...(c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), except where the activity will involve removal of a scenic resource including a stand of trees, a rock outcropping, or an historic building.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project is annual repair and maintenance improvements and therefore is contemplated by the CEQA exemption under section 15301. Further, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. The project is a category of repair and maintenance programs for existing County maintained transportation infrastructure within the County road right of way.

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May 20, 2011
Date

NOTE: A copy must be posted 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 statue of limitations on legal challenges.

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