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 (Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 et seq.), as defined in the State CEQA Guidelines and County Revised CEQA Guidelines.

Project No. 862318

LOCATION APN(s) Adjacent to parcels 023-300-006;012;013;014;015;016 and 023-101-025 along

Palomino Road

PROJECT TITLE Palomino Road Slide Repair

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Public Works Department proposes to repair Palomino road for a distance of 400 feet in length by 9.5 feet in width by 6 feet in depth. Evacuation of the roadway will allow for the replacement of sub-grade earthen materials with Tire Derived Aggregate (TDA) wrapped geotextile materials. The roadway structure section and asphalt concrete dike will be reconstructed. All work will be within the County road right of way.

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 a repair of an existing street 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. Because this is a public road project outside of the Coastal Zone it has been determined to be exempt from the Land Use Development Permit requirements by ordinance, under Section 35.10.040 G (b) of the Land Use Development Code. The project is a maintenance activity designed to maintain a safe traveling condition of the highway facility as it was constructed.

		April 14, 2010
Morgan M. Jones	Department/Division Representative	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.