

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department of Public Works – Transportation 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 Case No.: N/A

LOCATION: On both sides of Refugio Road from the centerline of Calle Real to a point 500 feet north of the centerline of Calle Real.

PROJECT TITLE: No Parking Zone on Refugio Road in the Third Supervisorial District

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Establish a no parking zone on Refugio Road. Parking restrictions are established or rescinded based on safety, necessity and how the action relates to use by the community as a whole. All of these factors have been weighed by the Public Works Department.

EXEMPT STATUS :(Check One)

- ___ Ministerial
___ Statutory
[X] Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15301]
___ 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 (attach additional material, if necessary): With the recent increase of navigation GPS devices in vehicles, Refugio Road has had large trucks and other vehicles try to travel Refugio Road from US 101 to State Route 246 by the directions of the devices. Since that road is impassable to large trucks they are unable to turn around on Refugio Road except at a large dirt area north of Calle Real. In order to use this area to turn around it must be free from vehicles and other obstructions, therefore staff recommends posting no parking signs in that area. Further, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. The project allows for a public safety activity designed to maintain a safe traveling condition of the highway facility as it was constructed.

Morgan M. Jones (signature)
Morgan M. Jones Department Representative
May 20, 2011 Date

NOTE: A copy of this document must be posted with the County's Planning & Development Department 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 statute of limitations on legal challenges.

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