<center>**EXHIBIT B: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**</center>

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Mason, Administration and Operations Manager
                 Planning and Development Department

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(s): Countywide

Location: Countywide

Project Title: Fish and Game Commission grant awards for education and fish and wildlife habitat

restoration monitoring.

Project Description:
The County Fish and Game Commission is funding six grants to local organizations. Five grants fund public education programs or events. The sixth is a steelhead habitat restoration monitoring project using time lapse cameras.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: _____County of Santa Barbara_____

Exempt Status: (Check one)

       ___   Ministerial
       ___   Statutory Exemption
       ___   Categorical Exemption
       ___   Emergency Project
       ___   Declared Emergency
    _X_   Other

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section(s):15061 (b)(3) and 15378(b)(4)

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15061 (b)(3) states that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. CEQA Section 15378 (b)(4) defines a "Project" as not including the creation of government funding mechanisms. Award of Fish and Game Commission grant funds is a proposed budget allocation, and therefore is not considered a "Project" nor is it considered to cause a significant effect on the environment

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Department/Division Representative   Date

Acceptance Date (date of final action on project): _____

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____

Note: A copy of this form must be posted at P&D 6 days prior to a decision on the project. Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff [for posting 6 days prior to action, and posting original after project approval]