

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**FROM: Department of Public Works/Transportation Division
(Lead Department/Division)**

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
CLERK OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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.

APN(s) N/A Project No. 862427

LOCATION: North Refugio Road

PROJECT TITLE: North Refugio Road Trail Restoration Phase 1; County Project No. 862427; Third Supervisorial District

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Request for the Board to approve the Plans and Specifications, and award the construction contract for the North Refugio Road Trail Restoration Phase 1; County Project No. 862427; Third Supervisorial District to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, Main Line Engineering. North Refugio Road Trail Restoration project. On Friday, October 7, 2022, five (5) bids were opened for the project. Main Line Engineering submitted the lowest responsible bid of \$229,600, which is 6.3% below the Engineer's Estimate. The second lowest bid is 3.9% above the Engineer's Estimate.

The project is located on North Refugio Road in Santa Ynez and includes the installation of over 2,400 linear feet pathway, compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), along the Eastern portion of North Refugio Road from Stadium Drive to Deer Trail Lane. On the Western side of North Refugio Road from SR-246 to Deer Trail Lane, an informal horse trail will be installed. Both of these trails will create a buffer zone from the roadway to separate pedestrian and equestrian riders from traffic. These trails are included in the Santa Ynez Community Plan. Construction will begin in December of 2022 and completed by January 2022. Traffic control will be provided as necessary and delays are anticipated to be less than 10 minutes. Public Works will notify emergency response services and use construction area signs to notify the traveling public.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Public Works Transportation Division

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption 15301(c)
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15301(c) Existing Facilities – Class 1 consists of the 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. The types of “existing facilities”, itemized below are not intended to be all inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class 1. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. Examples include but are 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).

Reasons to support exemption findings: Consistent with this exemption, this proposed project involves a minor alteration within an existing public road facility. The project allows for the installation of a public safety feature. Further, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. Therefore, this project can be found to be categorically exempt from CEQA.

There is no substantial evidence that there are unusual circumstances (including future activities) resulting in (or which might reasonably result in) significant impacts which threaten the environment. The exceptions to the categorical exemptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines are:

- (a) **Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located -- a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.**

CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 is a Class 1 exemption; therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (b) **Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.**

The project involves the alteration and maintenance of existing roadways to improve public safety. In addition, there are no other identified projects which would contribute to cumulative impacts. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (c) **Significant Effect.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

The project involves routine alteration to maintain safe roadways for pedestrians and the traveling public. The project will occur where no sensitive resources are located. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (d) **Scenic Highways.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.

The project does not involve a scenic highway or a project which may result in damage to a scenic resource, removal of trees, rock outcropping or similar resource. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (e) **Hazardous Waste Sites.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

There are no hazardous wastes site locations in the residential roadway right of way. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

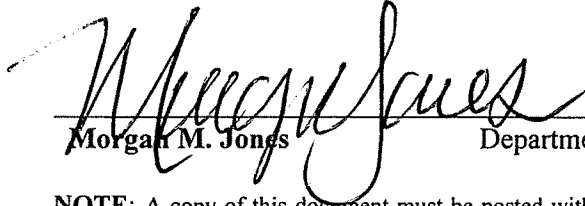
- (f) **Historical Resources.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The roadway involved is not identified as a historical resource. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Public Works-Transportation Division, Phone: (805) 568-3064

Department/Division Representative: Morgan M. Jones, Engineering Environmental Project Team Leader.

Acceptance Date: **November 1, 2022**
Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



Morgan M. Jones

Department Representative

October 11, 2022

Date

NOTE: A copy of this document must be posted 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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2022 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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(805) 568-2240

Complete this form when filing a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental Impact Report or Notice of Exemption.

You will need to submit one original for posting plus one copy for the Department of Fish & Wildlife. A scanned copy including the date/time of posting will be emailed to the Lead Agency and Project Applicant. If you would like a return copy, please submit an extra copy along with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

Contact Person Ashley Kruzel		Phone 805-568-3064	
Lead Agency Dept of Public Works, Roads and Transportation		Lead Agency Email akruzel	
Project Title North Refugio Trail Restoration			
Project Applicant Benjamin Schmidt		Email Bschmidt@countyofsb.org	Phone 805-568-3337
Project Applicant Address 123 E. Anapamu Street		City Santa Barbara	State Zip CA 93101

DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - 2022 Filing Fee\$3,539.25
 - Previously Paid (must attach receipt) \$0.00
 - No Effect Determination (must be attached)..... \$0.00

- Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration
 - 2022 Filing Fee\$2,548.00
 - Previously Paid (must attach receipt) \$0.00
 - No Effect Determination (must be attached)..... \$0.00

- Notice of Exemption \$0.00

- County Administrative Handling Fee (required for all filings, effective 7/19/18) \$50.00

TOTAL: \$ 50.00

PAYMENT METHOD: ALL APPLICABLE FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF FILING

- Cash
 - Credit Card
 - Check # _____
 - Journal Entry # 0240602
- (in person only)

Journal Entry

Document Number: JE - 0240602
 Document Description: Processing fee for 862427 N Refugio Rd Trail Restoration
 Post On: 11/1/2022

Batch ID: 2708201
 Processed On:
 Processed By:

Created On: 10/11/2022 4:05:24 PM
 Created By: Brian Gilbert

References

Audit Trail: NOE11/1/22 Cash Type: I - Interfund

Accounting

Fund	Dept	GL Acct	LI Acct	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Prog	OLUnit	Proj	Act	Area	Equip	Depositor	Description
0015	054	2810	7650	50.00		2110	0100	900900	1001				Processing fee for N Refugio Rd Trail Restoration
0015		0110			50.00								Processing fee for N Refugio Rd Trail Restoration
0001		0110		50.00									Processing fee for N Refugio Rd Trail Restoration
0001	012	2710	5746		50.00	4020							Processing fee for N Refugio Rd Trail Restoration
				Total	100.00								
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Signatures

Signed By: Brian Gilbert Approval Level: Fund/Department Department/Agency-Fund Group: 054-Roads Signed On: 10/11/2022 4:09:13 PM Valid: Y



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2022 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/22) Previously DFG 753.5a

Print **Start Over** **Save**

RECEIPT NUMBER:
 42 — 11/02/2022 — 262
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY Dept of Public Works, Road and Transportation	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL akruzel	DATE 11/02/2022
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE

North Refugio Trail Restoration

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Benjamin Schmidt	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL bschmidt@countyofsb.org	PHONE NUMBER (805) 568-3337
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 123 E. Anapamu Street	CITY Santa Barbara	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93101

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity


CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR) | \$3,539.25 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) | \$2,548.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,203.25 | \$ | 0.00 |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy) | | | |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee | | \$ | 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | \$ | |

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other
 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE  X	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Brianda Negrete, Deputy Clerk
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CASH RECEIPT
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NOTICE

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):

- Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- Mail filing fees for CRP document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW, also:

- Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental filing fee is due).*

Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) (Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))

- Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental filing fee is due).*

Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- ✓ A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- ✓ A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
- ✓ A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

DOCUMENT RETENTION

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

RECEIPT NUMBER

- # The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
- # The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
- # The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.

Mail to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Accounting Services Branch
 P.O. Box 944209
 Sacramento, California 94244-2090