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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** June Pujo, Supervising Planner, Planning & Development

The activity identified below is not the approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**Location:** Santa Barbara County

**Project Title:** Mission Canyon Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

**Project No:** BOS File No. 11-00507

**Project Description:** Within its boundaries, the Mission Canyon CWPP:

- Identifies potential areas for hazardous fuel reduction treatments;
- Recommends best practices for fuel reduction treatments; and
- Recommends best practices to reduce structural ignitability.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Santa Barbara

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** County of Santa Barbara

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency
- Not a Project


**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** 15352, 15378(a)

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** Approval of the Mission Canyon CWPP does not:

- Commit any signing party or anyone to carrying out, funding, or issuing a permit for any specific hazardous fuel reduction;
- Require implementation of any of the recommendations within the Mission Canyon CWPP; or
- Remove any permit requirement, environmental review requirement, or other legal requirement applicable to hazardous fuel reduction on either private lands or public lands.

For communities with a CWPP, the Healthy Forests Restoration Act provides the potential for prioritized federal funding for fuel reduction projects on no-federal land. Public agencies and/or private parties that comply with applicable legal requirements, though, may be able to conduct hazardous fuel reduction without having a CWPP and/or without receiving grant funding.

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Department/Division Representative (CEQA):       Date: 7-19-11

Acceptance Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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