

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Transportation Division

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): Various

Project No: 25STM3

Location: Various Countywide

**Project Title:** Ratification of Emergency Contracts Secured by Purchasing Agent as a Result of 2025-2026 Holiday Flooding and Storms; All Supervisorial Districts

**Project Description:** This Board item reports on and recommends continuing the emergency actions and to approve and ratify the attached Public Works Transportation emergency contracts, entered into by the Purchasing Agent under County Code Section 2-43 upon a finding that these contracts were required for the health, safety, and welfare of the people or for the protection of property and that there was an present, immediate, and existing emergency which could not reasonably have been foreseen.

This item is on the agenda to approve and ratify the following Public Works Transportation emergency contracts entered into by the Purchasing Agent under County Code Section 2-43 for emergency purchases.

The Transportation Division has been responding to the storm event 25STM3 under the Proclamation of Local Emergency declared by the Director of Emergency Services on January 9, 2026, and the Board Resolution 26-10 adopted by the Board on January 13, 2026. The emergency work is required to remove debris, clear culverts, implement protective measures, and perform emergency repairs on various County roads, appurtenant structures, drainage facilities and bike paths as required to be completed on an emergency basis in order to establish public roadway access, protect existing property, and alleviate financial impacts. Use of competitive procurement proposals or formal bids or awarding would delay the immediate action required to address public safety, access, and welfare.

Disaster response and recovery processes are actively in progress. The extended timeframe of these operations are a result of the extent and severity of damage, the multi-jurisdictional collaboration at some damage sites, and staff's attention to federal procedures and guidelines to maximize reimbursement. Public Works is planning to continue emergency operations with expedited procurement to ensure public safety and access to roadways and prevent from further exacerbation of vulnerable locations across the county.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

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

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption 15301 (c)
- Emergency Project 15269 (c)
- Declared Emergency

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:**

Section 15269(c): Specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency that does not have a low probability of occurrence. The storm event 25STM3 under the Proclamation of Local Emergency was declared by the Director of Emergency Services on January 9, 2026, and the Board Resolution 26-10 adopted by the Board on January 13, 2026.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Morgan Jones Phone #: (805) 568-3059

Department/Division Representative: Morgan Jones Date: February 19, 2026

Signature: 

Acceptance Date: April 7, 2026

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 challenge

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Date Filed by County Clerk



# 2026 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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

A scanned copy of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Receipt, Transmittal Memorandum and the CEQA filing, 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		Phone	
Lead Agency		Lead Agency Email	
Project Title			
Project Applicant	Email	Phone	
Project Applicant Address	City	State	Zip

### DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR) .....
  - 2026 Filing Fee .....\$4,227.50
  - Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) ..... \$0.00
  - No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00

Environmental Filing Fees will be collected **only** for projects that are approved. The Applicant must attest to the following:

- This project has been approved. Date of Approval:

- Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).....
  - 2026 Filing Fee ..... \$3,043.75
  - Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) ..... \$0.00
  - No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00

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- Notice of Exemption.....\$0.00

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

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Cash       Credit       Check # \_\_\_\_\_       Journal Entry # \_\_\_\_\_
- In person only      Ensure Workday status reflects "Posted" prior to filing



Business Process Record: Journal: JE-1078609 on 03/26/2026 for \$100.00 by LORI GRIFFIN-LYNCH

Details and Process

**For** JE-1078609 - County of Santa Barbara California - 03/26/2026 - Processingfee-Notice of Exemp 2026-04-07 25STM3 Emerg Contract Ratification  
**Overall Process** Journal: JE-1078609 on 03/26/2026 for \$100.00 by LORI GRIFFIN-LYNCH  
**Overall Status** In Progress  
**Due Date** 03/28/2026

Details

Journal Entry View

**Journal** JE-1078609 - County of Santa Barbara California - 03/26/2026 - Processingfee-Notice of Exemp 2026-04-07 25STM3 Emerg Contract Ratification  
**Journal Number** JE-1078609  
**Status** In Progress  
**Event in Progress** Accounting Journal

Journal Entry Information

**Originated by** LORI GRIFFIN-LYNCH  
**Accounting Date** 03/26/2026  
**Currency** USD  
**Period** Mar-FY 2025-26 Actuals (County of Santa Barbara California)  
**Ledger** County of Santa Barbara California : Actuals  
**Journal Source** Manual Journal  
**Balancing Fund** FD-0015 Roads-Operations  
**Book Code**

Journal Entry Details

**Memo** Processingfee-Notice of Exemp 2026-04-07 25STM3 Emerg Contract Ratification  
**External Reference ID**  
**Adjustment Journal** No  
**Create Reversal** No  
**Balanced** Yes  
**Total As-Entered Ledger Debits** 100.00  
**Total As-Entered Ledger Credits** 100.00

As Entered

Journal Entry Lines



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Journal Line	Company	Ledger Account	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Memo	External Reference ID	Spend Category	Revenue Category	Grant	Project Task	Program	Cost Center	*Fund	Additional Worktags	Interworktag Affiliate	Budget Date	Exceptions
Accounting Journal: County of Santa Barbara California - 03/26/2026, 1000:Cash in Treasury, Debit:0, Credit:50 As Entered for Intercompany	County of Santa Barbara California	1000:Cash in Treasury		50.00	Processingfee-Notice of Exemp 2026-04-07 25STM3 Emerg Contract Ratification						PG-0542110 Management Support	CC-54210 Public Works-Roads	FD-0015 Roads-Operations	Bank Account: z_Claim on Cash	FD-0015 Roads-Operations	03/26/2026	
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Status History

Status	Entered On	Workday Account
Created	03/26/2026 10:00:23.680 AM	lorilyn@countyofsb.org / LORI GRIFFIN-LYNCH
In Progress	03/26/2026 10:00:23.879 AM	lorilyn@countyofsb.org / LORI GRIFFIN-LYNCH

2026 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum (1).pdf

**File Name** 2026 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum (1).pdf  
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**Updated By** LORI GRIFFIN-LYNCH  
**Upload Date** 03/26/2026 10:00:23 AM  
**Comment**

BL\_2026-04-07\_25STM3\_Emergency\_Contract\_Ratificationdocx.pdf

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Attachment E - Notice of Exemption.pdf

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Attachment F - Board Resolution 26-10.pdf

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Process

Process History

Process	Step	Status	Completed On	Due Date	Person (Up to 5)	All Persons	Comment
Accounting Journal Event	Accounting Journal Event	Step Completed	03/26/2026 10:00:23 AM	03/28/2026	LORI GRIFFIN-LYNCH	1	
Accounting Journal Event	Review Journal	Not Required		03/28/2026		0	
Check Budget (Financial)	Check Budget (Financial)	Automatic Complete	03/26/2026 10:00:23 AM	03/28/2026		0	
Check Budget (Financial)	Batch/Job: Run Budget Check	Launched	03/26/2026 10:00:23 AM			0	

Remaining Process

Click on the button below to review remaining process details.