

Attachment E

CEQA Notice of Exemption

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Community Services 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): N/A Case No.: N/A

Location: Santa Barbary County

Project Title: emPowerSBC Funding and Subrecipient Agreements with Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties

Project Description: Executed funding agreements between the County of Santa Barbara and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Energy Commission (CEC) to deliver the 2013-2014 County of Santa Barbara American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) financing program are in place. Subrecipient Agreements between Santa Barbara County and the Counties of Ventura and San Luis Obispo include pass through funding for implementation of a financing program to provide loans to private property owners to cover the upfront project costs of energy efficiency enhancements and retrofits.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [§15061(b,3)]
- Other

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15378(b)(4); the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project are not a project as defined by CEQA.

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):

Approval of the Subrecipient Agreements does not result in direct physical impacts to the environment. When individual projects and programs contained within these documents proceed to implementation, they may be subject to environmental review under NEPA and/or CEQA for the possible impacts which are unique to that particular project and/or program.

Department/Division Representative Jill Van Wie
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Date October 11, 2013

Note: A copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days.

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Date File of Counter Clerks