

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

**FROM:** Joyce Gerber, Planning & Development

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:** 083-600-016                      **Case No.:** 17EMP-00000-00011

**Location:** Cojo Ranch, 10000 Jalama Road

**Project Title:** Cojo Bay Road Repair

**Project Applicant:** Patsy Stadelman Price, Agent

**Project Description:**

**The project involves replacement in kind of two culvert areas on Cojo Bay Road, and slope repair to the original configuration along approximately 120 feet of road shoulder between the two culverts.**

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Cojo Jalama Ranch

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section 15269(c) – Emergency Projects, specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.**

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** This section allows for emergency actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency, in this case, the two culvert areas and intervening road shoulder were severely damaged by erosion resulting from winter storms in 2017 and the road can no longer safely support heavy equipment. Failure to immediately repair these areas could lead to increased erosion and road failure, rendering large areas of the property inaccessible to both ranch personnel and federal lease-holders of the facility at Point Conception.

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Department/Division Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

distribution: Hearing Support Staff

Date Filed by County Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_.