NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services/Facilities

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, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA (this NOE applies to this resolution and not the solar project).

APN(s) <u>N/A</u> Case No<u>N/A</u>

LOCATION N/A

PROJECT TITLE Adopt a resolution to apply for Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds (QECB) for the Photovoltaic Solar Project at Calle Real Campus

PROJECT DESCRIPTION Adopt a resolution: "In the Matter of Declaring its Official Intent to Apply for Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds (QECB) and Reimburse Certain Expenditures from Proceeds of Indebtedness"

EXEMPT STATUS :(Check One)

___ Ministerial

 Statutory

<u>x</u> Categorical Exemption (Not a Project)

____ Emergency Project

____ No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061 (b,3)].

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section <u>CEQA Guidelines §15378(b)(4)</u>

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

Adopting a resolution in the manner described above will not in any substantive manner result in any direct or indirect physical manner change the environment or cause any significant environmental effects. The resolution involves the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to an specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment. In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) exempts activities from CEQA "[w]here it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment." In addition, CEQA defines "project" as an activity that may result in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

Department/Division Representative

Date

NOTE: A copy must be posted DERC at least 6 days prior to consideration of the activity by the decision-makers to comply with County CEQA guidelines and a copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35 day statue of limitations on legal challenges.

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