

Attachment B - CEQA Exemption

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sean Herron, 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.

APNs: 155-020-004

Case Nos.: 15EMP-00000-00012

Location: 949 Toro Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Project Title: Myers Trust Boulder Removal Emergency Permit

Project Applicant: Barton Myers

Project Description: The project is for an Emergency Permit to allow removal and relocation of large boulders and debris deposited without permits within Toro Canyon Creek. Only boulders and debris identified and approved for removal by Planning and Development will be removed and relocated to an offsite location. The project also allows installation of erosion control measures per specified plans approved by Planning and Development, including silt fences, fiber rolls, and erosion control blankets. The boulders will be removed with a skip loader and placed into a dump truck on Toro Canyon Road before being relocated offsite. The work will be overseen by a County-qualified wildlife biologist and conducted in accordance with County Emergency Permit Conditions of Approval and required conditions from a California Department of Fish and Wildlife Streambed Alteration Agreement (Notification No. 1600-2015-0148-R5). The project will take one week or less to complete. A subsequent Land Use Permit will require a mitigation component to restore disturbed areas of Toro Canyon Creek and adjacent riparian habitat to pre-violation conditions. The property is a 36.68-acre parcel zoned MT-TORO-100 and shown as Assessor's Parcel Number 155-020-004, located at 949 Toro Canyon Road in the Toro Canyon Community Plan Area, First Supervisorial District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Barton Myers

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 emergency consists of removal of boulders and debris placed within a creek channel by the applicant that could potentially obstruct the natural flow of the creek, resulting in flooding and other associated damages that could endanger people and property in the vicinity. Therefore, the situation constituted an emergency and immediate action was warranted.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Sean Herron, Planner; (805) 568-3510

Department/Division Representative: _____ Date: _____

Acceptance Date: _____

distribution: Hearing Support Staff

Project file (when P&D permit is required)
Date Filed by County Clerk: _____.