

**ATTACHMENT B  
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

**FROM:** Joseph Dargel, 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:** 155-240-019

**Case Nos.:** 17EMP-00000-00002

**Location:** 883 Toro Canyon Road, Santa Barbara

**Project Title:** Emergency Slope Stabilization – Giefer Grading

**Project Applicant:** Sebastian Giefer

**Project Description:**

*The applicant is proposing to stabilize an eroded slope and rebuild an existing driveway that was partially destroyed in a mud slide caused by a recent storm. The driveway was designed with a drainage culvert to route storm water below the driveway. The drainage culvert failed and a portion of the driveway washed away. The applicant will remove the failed drainage culvert, re-grade the slope to closely match the previous grade and replace the failed culvert with a redesigned culvert to route water through the existing drainage basin. Riprap will be placed down-gradient of the culvert to dissipate storm water energy and reduce the potential for scour during storm events. The soil will be seeded with native plants and storm water best management practices used where necessary to prevent erosion.*

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Jeff Pfof, Geo Solutions

**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, a failed drainage culvert and recent storm resulted in a mudslide that washed away a portion of a driveway and damaged neighboring property. The emergency permit is necessary to prevent further erosion of a slope that could endanger people in the vicinity and cause further damage to down-gradient neighboring properties and allow reconstruction of a driveway that provides personal and emergency vehicle access to two single family residences.

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Department/Division Representative: Joseph Dargel Date: 3/28/2017

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

distribution: Hearing Support Staff

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