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): 149-040-003 **Case No.:** N/A

Location: Richardson Park, New Cuyama

Project Title: Grant Application for the California Climate Investments Urban Greening Program

Project Description: Submission of a grant application to the California Natural Resource Agency for installation of trees within Richardson Park and surrounding properties to improve tree canopy and carbon sequestration, and potential installation of a pathway connecting Richardson Park to nearby residences, businesses and community resources.

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)

Project involves creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

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

This action does not constitute a project as submission of a grant application is a government funding mechanism which does not involve a commitment to a specific project. If the grant funds are awarded, they may be subject to environmental review under NEPA and/or CEQA for the possible impacts which are unique to the project.

Department/Division Representative _____ Date March 16, 2018
Jill Van Wie

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.

Copies to: Community Services Department, Parks Division
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