

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**FROM: Department of Public Works/Engineering Division**  
(Lead Department/Division)

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 (Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 et seq.), as defined in the State CEQA Guidelines and County Revised CEQA Guidelines.

**APN(s) Between 061-010-003 and 061-010-009**

**Project No. 862279**

**LOCATION:** Approximately 245 feet east of the intersection of Modoc road and Hollister ave.

**PROJECT TITLE 51C-018 Seismic Repair**

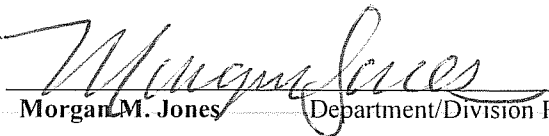
**PROJECT DESCRIPTION.** The project is seismic repair of an existing County maintained bridge. The project scope includes installing two 60" CIDH piles (4 total) at opposite ends of the structure, replacing the bottom flange bolts with A325 HS carbon steel bolts and installing a structural steel frame that connects the bridge to the CIDH piles. All project improvements for the bridge retrofit are within the County road right of way.

**EXEMPT STATUS :(Check One)**

- ☐ Ministerial  
☐ Statutory  
☒ X Categorical Exemption  
☐ Emergency Project  
☐ No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061 (b,3)].

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section 15301 (c) Existing Facilities – "...consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including but not limited to...(c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), except where the activity will involve removal of a scenic resource including a stand of trees, a rock outcropping, or an historic building.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project is seismic repair of an existing County maintained bridge and therefore is contemplated by the CEQA exemption under section 15301. The project has been determined to be exempt from Santa Barbara County P&D permit requirements and a NEPA Categorical Exclusion has been issued under Section 6004. Further, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. The project is a seismic retrofit of an existing bridge to maintain a safe traveling condition of the highway facility as it was constructed.

  
Morgan M. Jones

Department/Division Representative

January 7, 2011

Date

**NOTE:** A copy must be posted 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 statute of limitations on legal challenges.

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