

## 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):** N/A

**Case No.:** N/A

**Location:** Santa Barbary County

**Project Title:** Amendment to the County's HOME Consortium Agreement to Add the City of Santa Maria

**Project Description:** The County and the Cities of Buellton, Solvang, Carpinteria, and Goleta entered into a Cooperation Agreement in 2015 for the Santa Barbara HOME Consortium (Consortium Agreement) which was necessary for the County to qualify for annual allocations of federal HOME Investment Partnership funds. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allows the County to authorize new members to join the HOME Consortium, and as the City of Santa Maria has requested such, the Amendment would approve the inclusion of the City of Santa Maria in the Consortium Agreement and increase the County's HOME funding allocation.

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

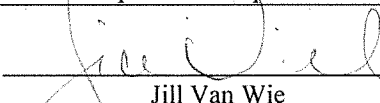
☒ Other

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** 15378(b)(4); The creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project are not a project as defined by CEQA.

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

Approval of the Amendment for inclusion in HOME Investment Partnership funds does not result in direct physical impacts to the environment. When individual projects and programs contained within this document proceed to implementation, they may be subject to environmental review under NEPA and/or CEQA for the possible impacts which are unique to that particular project and/or program.

Department/Division Representative

  
Jill Van Wie

Date: August 10, 2017

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.

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