

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works Department/Flood Control District and Water Conservation District

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: Various

Case No.: Not Applicable

Location: See project location maps under the Exempt Facilities tab in the 2025/2026 Annual Routine Maintenance Plan.

Project Title: 2025/2026 Annual Routine Maintenance Plan Exempt Facilities

Project Description: General maintenance includes periodic sediment removal, weed control, repair, and graffiti removal. Exempt facilities include concrete channels, earthen road-side ditches, man-made earthen channels, basins within developments, grassy swales, and retention and recharge basins. All maintenance involves no expansion of facility use. Please see detailed project descriptions under the Exempt Facilities tab in the Annual Plan.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Barbara County Flood Control District

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- ☐ Ministerial
- ☐ Statutory Exemption
- ☒ **Categorical Exemption**
- ☐ Emergency Project
- ☐ Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15301 Existing Facilities. CEQA Guideline Section 15301: Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Reasons to support exemption findings: Consistent with this exemption, the project is the maintenance of existing public facilities with no expansion of use. Material is removed and repairs are made to these man-made facilities on an as-needed basis to maintain functionality. There are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. Therefore, this project can be found to be categorically exempt from CEQA.

There are no scenic highways, hazardous waste sites, historical resources, or designated resources of critical concern or officially adopted. There are no unusual circumstances that conclude a reasonable possibility that the activity would have a significant effect or cumulative impact on the environment pursuant to Section 15300.2.

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Department/Division Representative: Seth Shank Date: June 10, 2025

Signature: 

NOTE: A copy of this document must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35-day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____