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Notice of Exemption

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TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Oksana Buck, Planning and Development Department

The 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: N/A

Case No.: 15GOV-00000-00001

Location: Countywide

Project Title: Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years Ending 2015-2020: Comprehensive Plan Conformity Review.

Project Description: The CIP is a compilation of projects intended to implement various public projects and plans, including facilities plans and the County Comprehensive Plan (i.e., General Plan). The CIP provides a list of future capital improvements to be carried out during a five-year planning period, together with project descriptions, cost estimates, and the anticipated means and sources of financing for each project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

County Executive Office

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Not a Project as Defined by CEQA

CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Guidelines section 15060(c) states "An activity is not subject to CEQA if...[t]he activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378." CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4) states "[p]roject" does not include...[t]he 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 physical impact on the environment."

Exemption Findings: The CIP serves as a funding mechanism, proposing capital budget appropriations for adoption within the County's Operating Budget. It does not appropriate funds or otherwise commit the County to particular projects. Rather, any appropriations will ultimately be included in the respective departmental budgets as funding becomes available. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 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 and, therefore, are not subject to environmental review. As a result, the CIP is not considered a "project" and is not subject to CEQA. When individual projects listed in the CIP proceed to implementation, they will be subject to environmental review for the potential impacts on the environment, which are unique to that particular project.

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