

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) Adjacent to 083-180-017 Project No. 863038

LOCATION

PROJECT TITLE Santa Rosa Road Bridge (51C-173) Seismic Replacement

PROJECT DESCRIPTION. The existing bridge 51C-173 will be removed and replaced with a roadway embankment designed to meet current roadway design standards. Proposed project is to remove the existing bridge 51C-173, located on Santa Rosa Road and the Avenue of the Flags near Buellton, CA as it is not financially feasible to conduct a seismic retrofit upgrade to the existing structure when removal is an option. Bridge 51C-173 was constructed in 1949 and is a simple span steel structure 400' in length with a total width of 31'. The project will require approximately 14,000 cubic yards of fill and 2000 cubic yards of cut to create the new roadway embankment. Construction activities will impact an area of approximately 102,000 square feet of total disturbance. A temporary detour road will be required during construction. The temporary detour road will run for a length of approximately .2 miles immediately adjacent to the construction site between Santa Rosa Road and Highway 101

2009 MAR -3 PM 3:05
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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 based on existing land uses and where the actions were originally evaluated in accordance with applicable laws, regulation and surrounding circumstances have not changed.

[Signature]
Department/Division Representative

March 3, 2009
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.

DATE FILE OF COUNTY CLERK