

**ATTACHMENT C
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Santa Barbara County Planning and Development 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: Not Applicable **Case No.:** Not Applicable

Location: Not Applicable

Project Title: Coastal Resources Mitigation Fund (CRMF) Contract Administration

Project Applicants: Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, City of Santa Barbara

Project Description: Execution of two previously approved CRMF Contracts for the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden and the City of Santa Barbara.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project: County of Santa Barbara

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial
- ☐ Statutory Exemption
- ☐ Categorical Exemption
- ☐ Emergency Project
- ☐ Declared Emergency
- ☒ Not a Project

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guidelines Section: 15378(b)(4)

Reasons to support exemption findings:

The CRMF Grant for the Hammond's Meadow restoration project is not considered a "Project" under CEQA Section 15378(b)(4). CEQA Section 15378(b)(4) defines a "Project" as not including governmental fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment. This restoration project was previously permitted (Case No. 19AMD-00000-00002) and analyzed under CEQA by the County.

Potentially significant environmental impacts were mitigated from the project's environmental review, which included an Addendum dated April 9, 2019, per CEQA Guidelines Section 15164, to EIR Case No. 83-EIR-16. Therefore, the CRMF Grant for the Hammond's Meadow restoration project is a government fiscal activity that will have no potentially significant impacts on the environmental.

The CRMF Grant for the City of Santa Barbara Bicycle Parking project is not considered a "Project" under CEQA Section 15378(b)(4). CEQA Section 15378(b)(4) defines a "Project" as not including governmental fiscal activities which do not result in a potentially significant impact on the environment. The CRMF Grant will provide funding for ongoing maintenance and upgrades described in the City's Local Coastal Program and carried out by the City of Santa Barbara. The City's 2016 Bicycle Master Plan (BMP) lists several goals and strategies to make bicycling in Santa Barbara an attractive and convenient choice. The City's June 2024, Together 'To Zero Climate Action Plan' (CAP) specifically lists increasing bicycle parking supply, security, and access throughout the City. The bike rack locations are within the City's previously disturbed Right-of-Way and require minimal ground disturbance through bolting the corrals into place within the existing cement.

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