

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**

**FROM: Department of Public Works – Transportation 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, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

**APN(s):** N/A      **Case No.:** County Project No. 862367

**LOCATION:** 105 East Anapamu Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Board of Supervisors Hearing Room

**PROJECT TITLE:** Environmental Services for the Construction of Bonita School Road Bridge Replacement. County Project No. 862367, Third and Fifth Supervisorial Districts

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Request for the Board of Supervisors to authorize the Chair of the Board to approve and execute an AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR for Environmental Services for pre-construction surveys, studies and literature research for the future replacement of Bonita School Road Bridge 51C-230 over the Santa Maria River; Federal Project No. BRLO-5951(151). The scope of the environmental services contract amount is \$116,104.

**EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)**

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15301(c)]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b, 3)]
- Not a Project [Sec. 15378(b, 5)]

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** Section 15378 project means the whole of an action, which has the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect change, and that is any of the following: (b), Project does not include:(5) Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

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

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is the responsible agency to execute a contract for environmental services with Padre Associates, Inc. The execution of the contract is an administrative activity and is not a project by definition. The term project refers to the activity which is being approved and which may be subject to several discretionary approvals by governmental agencies. The term project does not mean each separate governmental approval. Further, the execution of the contract will not create any unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect.

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Department Representative: Morgan Jones Senior Engineering Environmental Planner

Acceptance Date: **April 19, 2016**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting

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Morgan M. Jones March 16, 2016  
Date

**NOTE:** A copy of this document must be posted with the County's Planning & Development Department 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.

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