

**ATTACHMENT B
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: 4350 Constellation Road, Lompoc, CA

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

Project Applicant: Lompoc Unified School District

Project Description: Execute a previously approved CRMF Contract for the Lompoc Unified School District to partially fund the Lompoc Unified School District's Cabrillo High School Aquarium Phase 2 Gallery Annex construction project. The expanded exhibit gallery will occur in annexed space directly adjacent to the Cabrillo High School Aquarium's main exhibit floor, and include a 10-foot-long community reef exhibit, a wetlab water table, and six tanks contributed by the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project: Christopher Ladwig

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 Lompoc Unified School District's Cabrillo High School Aquarium Phase 2 Gallery Annex construction project is not considered a "Project" under CEQA Section 15378(b)(4). CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4)

defines a “Project” to exclude governmental fiscal activities which will not result in a potentially significant impact on the environment. The CRMF Grant will provide funding for the second phase of the gallery annexation which includes upgrading an existing classroom with new exhibits, tanks, and life support systems associated with the existing Cabrillo High School Aquarium. The new exhibit area will take place within the existing high school and involves no impacts to the environment or ground disturbance. Therefore, the CRMF Grant for the Coastal Cabrillo High School Aquarium Phase 2 Gallery Annex project is a government funding mechanism that will have no potentially significant impacts on the environment.

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