

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kalani Durham, Santa Barbara County Flood Control District

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: 059-120-003

Case No. N/A

Location: 4408 Cathedral Oaks Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Project Title: Southern California Edison Facilities Relocation Project

Project Description: The County of Santa Barbara is proposing to relocate utility facilities owned by Southern California Edison Company that route through the County's property at 4408 Cathedral Oaks Road in Santa Barbara. The current location of the facilities obstructs equipment and limits the capacity to utilize the site as a temporary sediment stockpile site. The proposed facilities relocation will increase the sediment-holding capacity at the County's main sediment stockpile site.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County Flood Control Board of Directors

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Barbara County Flood Control District

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15302. Replacement or Reconstruction (c). Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, including but not limited to the replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

Reasons to support exemption findings: Consistent with this exemption, the project is not located in any wetland or an officially designated (by federal, state, or local government action) scenic area, or in officially mapped areas of severe geologic hazard. There are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. Therefore, this project can be found to be categorically exempt from CEQA.

There is no substantial evidence that there are unusual circumstances (including future activities) resulting in (or which might reasonably result in) significant impacts which threaten the environment. The exceptions to the categorical exemptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines are:

- (a) Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located -- a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.**

The project will replace existing utility facilities where the new structure will be located at the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity. The project will occur within existing roadways outside of any sensitive environment. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (b) Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.**

The replacement of existing utility facilities involves negligible or no expansion of capacity. All areas of the project have been previously disturbed, no new impacts will result from the project, and there are no other identified projects which would contribute to cumulative impacts. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (c) Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.**

The project will replace an existing facility at the same site of the existing facility. The project will be conducted within roadways that have all been previously disturbed and will not result in a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

(d) Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.

The project is not located along a scenic highway and will not result in damage to any scenic resources; therefore, this exception does not apply.

(e) Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

The parcel covered by this project is not listed as a hazardous waste site; therefore, this exception does not apply.

(f) Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The parcel covered by this project is not identified as a historic resource; therefore, this exception does not apply.

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