

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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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: N/A Case No.: N/A Location: Countywide

Project Title: Santa Barbara County Coastal Resiliency Project Briefing

Project Description: Planning and Development Department, Long Range Planning Division staff is providing a briefing to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, at their request, on the Santa Barbara County Coastal Resiliency Project (Project). The briefing will present a brief overview of the Project and timeline, information on the Project funding sources, and regional collaboration and benefits of the Project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development Department

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
Statutory Exemption
Categorical Exemption
Emergency Project
Declared Emergency
X Not a Project as Defined by CEQA

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Guidelines section 15060(c) states "An activity is not subject to CEQA if. . .[t]he activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378." CEQA Section 15378(b)(5) states "[p]roject does not include . . .[o]rganizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment."

Reasons to support exemption findings: The Project briefing serves to present a brief overview of the Project and timeline, information on the Project funding sources, and regional collaboration and benefits of the Project. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), the briefing is an administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. As a result, the briefing is not considered a "project" and is not subject to CEQA.

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Department/Division Representative: [Signature] Date: 9/21/15

Acceptance Date: _____

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