## ATTACHMENT I: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**FROM**: Ben Singer, Planner

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**: N/A **Case No.**: 23GPA-00004

**Location**: Countywide

**Project Title**: Comprehensive Plan Energy Element Amendment

**Project Applicant**: County of Santa Barbara

## **Project Description:**

The County of Santa Barbara proposes an update to the Energy Element, a part of the County's Comprehensive Plan (General Plan). The Energy Element contains long-range planning guidelines and strategies to encourage energy efficiency and alternative energy sources in Santa Barbara County. The proposed Energy Element amendment updates Policy 8.3 and Research Action 8.3.1 to implement the 2030 Climate Action Plan (CAP) which identifies actions to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions throughout the unincorporated county in order to meet state-required emission reduction mandates (set via Assembly Bill 32, Senate Bill 32, and Assembly Bill 1279), as well as the County's 2030 CAP GHG emissions reduction target of 50% net reduction from 2018 levels by 2030.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project: Planning and Development Department Long Range Planning Division

Exen	npt	Status:
		Ministerial
		Statutory Exemption
		Categorical Exemption
		Emergency Project
		Declared Emergency
	X	No Possibility of Significant Effect, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)

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**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guidelines Section**: Section 15061(b)(3) (Review for Exemption) – "Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA."

Reasons to support exemption findings: The Energy Element Amendment includes updates to Policy 8.3 and Research Action 8.3.1. These updates will not result in any development or other change in the environment. Policy 8.3 and Research Action 8.3.1 address implementation and monitoring of the 2030 Climate Action Plan (CAP). All policies, measures, and regulations contained within the 2030 CAP are reviewed under a separate Program Environmental Impact Report. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed Energy Element Amendment may have a significant effect on the environment, and it is not subject to CEQA according to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

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Department/Division Representative:	66	, 
<b>Date</b> : August 27, 2024		
Acceptance Date:		
Distribution: Hearing Support Staff		
Date Filed by County Clerk:		

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## 2024 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

## County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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