

**ATTACHMENT B: ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**  
**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

**FROM:** J. Ritterbeck, Planning & Development, South

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:** 155-060-028

**Case Nos.:** 09LUP-00000-00166

**Location:** 660 Stonehouse Lane, Montecito, CA

**Project Title:** Stone Additional Landscaping

**Project Description:** The project is for the installation of additional landscaping to the southwestern corner of the parcel. New landscaping will resolve a current zoning violation and includes the following: 1) Increase the size of 7 Pittosporum plants to 15 gallon plants that are located outside of the Critical Root Zone (CRZ) of the existing oaks, 2) Pittosporum shrubs planted within a CRZ of any oak shall be a 5 gallon size, 3) Three or more additional 36" box avocado trees are to be planted on the upper bank, immediately inside the building envelope-one at the southeast corner and two more visually spaced between the Pittosporum plantings, 4) Implement the irrigation recommendations of the arborist, outlined in the Duke McPherson letter, dated 3/11/09, 5) Maintain consistency with the approved tree protection plan, and 6) No trees will be removed as a part of this project and less than 50 cubic yards of grading will be required for the construction of a new 4-foot boulder wall approximately 140 feet in length along the southwestern corner of the building envelope.

**Name of Public Agency Reviewing Project:** County of Santa Barbara, CA

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Douglas Stone

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

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

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** §15304, Minor Alterations to Land

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** The project can be found exempt from environmental review based upon Section 15304 [Minor Alterations to Land] of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines. Section 15304(b) states that projects that consist of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation, including new gardening or landscaping, including the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient or fire resistant landscaping are exempt from the provisions of CEQA. Because the project constitutes new landscaping, the exemption is appropriate.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** J. Ritterbeck, Planner II **Phone #:** (805) 568-3509

**Department/Division Representative:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acceptance Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: A copy of this form must be posted at P&D 6 days prior to a decision on the project. Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.*

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff  
Project file (when P&D permit is required)

Date Filed by County Clerk

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