

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jessica Steele, 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.: N/A

Location: Countywide

Project Title: 2016 Comprehensive Plan Annual Progress Report

Project Applicant: N/A

Project Description: Government Code Section 65400 requires the Montecito and County Planning Commissions to provide by April 1st of each year an annual report on the County Comprehensive Plan to the Board of Supervisors, Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR), and California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). As required in Section 65400, the County’s 2016 Comprehensive Plan Annual Progress Report summarizes (1) the status of the Comprehensive Plan, (2) the County’s progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs pursuant state housing element law; and (3) the degree to which the Comprehensive Plan complies with state guidelines for maintaining such plans, as well as the date of the last revision to the Comprehensive Plan.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

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

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency
- Not a project as defined by CEQA

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section(s): Section 15060(c)(3) – An activity is not subject to CEQA if...[T]he activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378. Section 15378(b)(5) – Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The 2016 Comprehensive Plan Annual Progress Report contains three key components. . First, the report summarizes the projects that the Planning and Development Department undertook in 2016 to maintain and implement the Comprehensive Plan. Second, the report provides housing production statistics, including separate statistics for Isla Vista and

