

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Community Services 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(s): N/A **Case No.:** N/A

Location: Santa Barbary County

Project Title: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Urban County Cooperation Agreement and HOME Consortium Agreement Renewals and Revisions

Project Description: Three year renewal of the Cooperation Agreement with the Cities of Buellton, Carpinteria and Solvang in order to continue the Santa Barbara County CDBG Urban County Consortium for Federal Fiscal Years 2016, 2017, and 2018 in order to receive federal entitlement funds under the CDBG, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"). Also, three year renewal of the Cooperation Agreement for the Santa Barbara County HOME Consortium between the City of Goleta, and the Santa Barbara County Urban County, which includes the Cities of Buellton, Carpinteria and Solvang in order to continue the Santa Barbara County HOME Consortium for Federal Fiscal Years 2016, 2017, and 2018, and receive HUD funding for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program fund. The revised CDBG Urban County Cooperation Agreement include revisions to clarify the operation of the Urban County, and to remove the City of Lompoc as a participating city. The revised HOME Consortium Agreement includes a reference to the 2013 HOME Final Rule, clarification of funding distribution methodology, and removes reference to the City of Lompoc as a participating city.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

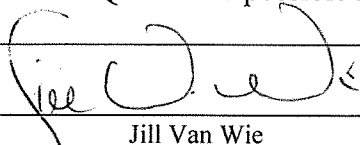
Other

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15378(b)(4); The creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project are not a project as defined by CEQA.

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):

Approval of the documents does not result in direct physical impacts to the environment. When individual projects and programs contained within this document proceed to implementation, they may be subject to environmental review under NEPA and/or CEQA for the possible impacts which are unique to that particular project and/or program.

Department/Division Representative


Jill Van Wie

Date: May 14, 2015

Note: A copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days.

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