

## ATTACHMENT 2: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**FROM:** Daniel Klemann, Deputy Director, Long Range Planning Division  
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.

**Case No.:** N/A

**Location:** County of Santa Barbara.

**Project Title:** Agreement for services with Amec Foster Wheeler on the proposed Cannabis Land Use Ordinance

**Project Description:**

On April 19, 2017, (Revised April 26, 2017), Planning and Development received a proposal from Amec Foster Wheeler to complete environmental analysis in compliance with CEQA and provide technical assistance to support the County as lead agency in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Santa Barbara

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** County of Santa Barbara

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** CEQA Section 153060(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) which exempts organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. There is no substantial evidence that the proposed project involves unusual circumstances, including future activities, resulting in or which might reasonably result in significant impacts which threaten the environment.

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), the Board of Supervisor’s approval and execution of the Agreement for Services is an administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. As a result, the Board of Supervisor’s approval and execution of the Agreement for Services is not considered a “project” that is subject to CEQA.

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

**Date:** June 20, 2017

**Date of Final Action on Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Distribution:** County Hearing Support Staff

**Date Filed by County Clerk:** \_\_\_\_\_