

**ATTACHMENT B
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Alejandro Jimenez, Planner, Planning and Development

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: 155-040-040 & 155-240-012 **Case No.:** 23EMP-00018

Location: 840 and 894 Toro Canyon Road

Project Title: Doubleday Emergency Permit

Project Applicant: Hillary Doubleday

Project Description: The proposed project is to repair a private access road and construct a new soldier pile retaining wall (maximum 10-foot height) to retain a portion of the existing roadway serving 840 & 894 Toro Canyon Road and adjacent properties. The area was washed out and the road damaged as a result of heavy rains in January 2023. This resulted in sections of the roadway failing and narrowing the roadway below the required access width making it difficult for residents and emergency personnel to access the parcels. All work will be completed to the specifications outlined in the structural calculations and drawings prepared by Braun & Associated, Inc., dated August 10, 2023 and September 7, 2023 respectively. Proposed grading includes 415 cubic yards of over-excavation and 475 cubic yards of fill to repair the failed slope and infrastructure. Temporary erosion control measures will be implemented during construction, including the use of fiber rolls, silt fences and silt dams as noted on Page C5 of the project plans. No trees are proposed for removal and no Environmentally Sensitive Habitat is located within the project area. The work is expected to be completed within 30 days of permit issuance. The parcel will continue to be served by the Toro Canyon Estates Mutual Water Company, a private septic system, and the Carpinteria/Summerland Fire Protection District. Access will continue to be taken from an existing private easement and driveway off Toro Canyon Road. The properties are zoned RR-20 and located at 840 & 894 Toro Canyon Road in the Toro Canyon Community Plan area, First Supervisorial District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County

Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project: Kenny Construction

Exempt Status:

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

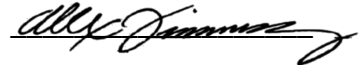
Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guidelines Section: Section 15269(c), Emergency Projects

Reasons to support exemption findings: *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15269(c) exempts “specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.” Emergency action is warranted in this case because the 2023 winter storms damaged and undermined the existing roadway, creating emergency conditions. Therefore, this statutory exemption applies to the proposed project.

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