

ATTACHMENT B

CEQA Notice of Exemption

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mark A. Hartwig, Fire Chief

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: Santa Barbara County

Project Title: Gaviota Coast Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Project Applicant: Santa Barbara County Fire Department

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Not A Project

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

Reasons to support exemption findings: The Gaviota Coast Community Wildfire Protection Plan (GC CWPP) is an educational and visioning document that describes broad fire hazard mitigation strategies that could have the potential to improve fire protection within the plan area. Adoption of the Plan is an organizational and administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Approval of the GC CWPP does not:

- Commit any signing party or anyone to carrying out, funding, or issuing a permit for any specific project or activity;
- Require implementation of any of the recommendations within the GC CWPP; or
- Remove any permit requirement, environmental review requirement, or other legal requirement applicable to any project or activity on either private lands or public lands.

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Date: January 26, 2023

Acceptance Date: _____

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____.