

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**FROM:** Willow Brown, Planner, Planning & 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:** 001-090-002

**Case No.:** 23EMP-00002

**Location:** 6460 Casitas Pass Road

**Project Title:** Sixty Four Sixty LLC – Emergency Permit – Slope Protection

**Project Applicant:** Eva Turenchalk and Carly Earnest

**Project Description:** The proposed project is for the repair of an existing slope failure that occurred during the 2023 winter storm season. The repair requires placement of approximately 300 linear feet of rock slope protection along the left bank (looking downstream) of Gobernador Creek, as necessary to arrest ongoing bank erosion that threatens to undermine several structures, including the existing residence at 6460 Casitas Pass Road. The newly constructed slope will attempt to reconstruct the pre-disturbance stream bank geometry, and will result in a cross section approximately matching the width of the channel immediately upstream and downstream of the proposed work, outside of the effects of recent erosion. The rock will be placed at a slope of 1.5H:1V. The base will be keyed six feet below the bed of the creek and the top rock will be extended up to the 100-year flood elevation. Live willow stakes will be planted into the interstitial spaces of the rock as it is placed and then native streambed materials (alluvial sands, gravel, and cobble) will be used to fill all remaining voids. The work is expected to be completed within approximately four weeks of permit issuance. The parcel is served by the Carpinteria Valley Water District, an existing septic system and drywell, and the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire District. Access is provided off of Casitas Pass Road. The property is a 6.13-acre parcel zoned AG-I-10 and shown as Assessor's Parcel Number 001-090-002, located at 6460 Casitas Pass Road within the Carpinteria area, First Supervisorial District.

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

**Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project:** Eva Turenchalk and Carly Earnest

**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 January 2023 storm event caused bank erosion and a power pole and portion of the driveway to fall into Gobernador Creek, and continues to threaten several structures including the existing residence. Therefore, this statutory exemption applies to the proposed project.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Willow Brown, Planner

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**Date:** April 28, 2023

**Acceptance Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Distribution:** Hearing Support Staff

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