## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:**     Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
**FROM:**    Agricultural Commissioner's Office

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:** Throughout the County of Santa Barbara.

**Project Title:** Sudden Oak Death Program Agreement #14-0421-SF

**Project Applicant:** Santa Barbara County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

**Project Description:** This is an agreement with the California Department of Food and Agriculture for funding the Sudden Oak Death Program for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Barbara County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

**Exempt Status**: (Check one)
_____ Ministerial
_____ Statutory Exemption
_____ Categorical Exemption
_____ Emergency Project
  X    Not a Project: Section 15378(b)(4)

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** Section 15378(b)(4)- Creation of government funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** This agreement will provide reimbursement for the cost of activities that support this ongoing program of the Phytophthora ramorum program.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Cathleen Fisher            Phone #: 805-681-5600

Department/Division Representative: Guy Tingos            Date: 9/15/2014

Acceptance Date (date of final action on project): _____
*Note: A copy of this form must be posted at Planning and Development six days prior to a decision on the project. Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days.*

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____.