

**ATTACHMENT B: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

**FROM:** Brian Tetley, Planning and Development

The project 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.:** 14GPA-00000-00015 **Location:** Countywide

**Project Title:** Disadvantaged Communities – Land Use Element Amendment

**Project Description:** Senate Bill 244 (SB 244) requires local governments to review and update the Land Use Element with information regarding unincorporated disadvantaged communities inside or near its boundaries. Proposed items to the Land Use Element include: (1) a new policy within the “Goals and Policies” section, which encourages the extension of services to identified disadvantaged communities; (2) a new definition of a disadvantaged unincorporated community within the “Other Definitions” section; and (3) information in the Appendix including background on the legislation, a discussion of each identified disadvantaged unincorporated community, analysis of existing infrastructure, a list of potential funding sources, and maps of each identified disadvantaged unincorporated community.

**Name of Person or Agency Approving Project:** Santa Barbara County Planning and Development

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency
- No Possibility of Significant Effect (CEQA Section 15061(b)(3))

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** CEQA Section 15061(b)(3) states that “the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA”.

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** The Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities Land Use Element update is a research and analysis based update that has no significant effect on the environment. Any projects that occur as a result of this update will be subject to compliance with CEQA. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this project may have a significant effect on the environment.

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Department/Division Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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