

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department of Public Works/Engineering Division
(Lead Department/Division)

Based on a preliminary review of the project the following activity 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(s) Varies **Project No.** 862321

LOCATION: Cold Springs Road area of the First Supervisorial District.

PROJECT TITLE: Cold Springs School Safe Routes to School

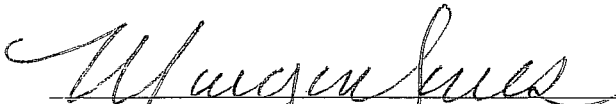
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Modify the intersection of Cold Springs Road and SR192 and the drainage structure and swale on the northeast corner to create a walking path from the school through this area; improve grading and drainage of the intersection of Eucalyptus Hill and SR192 to facilitate walking in this area; add shoulder backing and shoulder modifications to improve walking routes along Paso Robles near the northwest corner of Cold Spring Elementary School.

EXEMPT STATUS:(Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061 (b,3)].

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section 15304: Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees...

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project is a minor alteration of the land and therefore is contemplated by the CEQA exemption under section 15304. The project is minor grading for a pedestrian walkway on less than 10% slopes and drainage improvements requiring minor trenching and backfill where the surface is restored. Further, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect.


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Department/Division Representative

May 20, 2011

Date

NOTE: A copy must be posted at least 6 days prior to consideration of the activity by the decision-makers to comply with County CEQA guidelines and a copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

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