

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department of Public Works – Transportation 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): Various **Case No.: N/A**

LOCATION: 105 East Anapamu Street, 4th Floor Board of Supervisors Hearing Room

PROJECT TITLE: Blanket Waiver of Bids For Traffic Signal and Lighting Components, all Supervisorial Districts

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Request to the Board of Supervisors to approve a blanket waiver of bids allowing the Purchasing Agent to procure the traffic signal and lighting components parts and supplies used in the installation and repair of traffic signals and lighting, without competitive bids on an as-needed basis. The request includes the time duration to make the waiver effective through June 30, 2015.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15378(b, 2)]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b, 3)]

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15378 project means the whole of an action, which has the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect change, and that is any of the following: (b), Project does not include: (2) Continuing administrative or maintenance activities, such as purchases for supplies, personal-related actions, general policy and procedure making...

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):

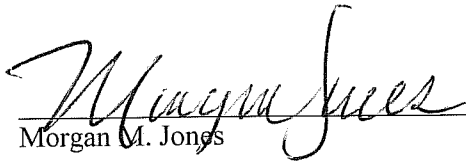
The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Board approved the waiver of bids request previously in 2001, 2004, and 2008, and a two-year extension on March 2, 2010. This current waiver is set to expire on June 30, 2012 in all Supervisorial Districts. The waiver of bids is not a project by definition. The term project refers to the activity which is being approved.

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Acceptance Date: **April 3, 2012**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting


Morgan M. Jones

March 15, 2012
Date

NOTE: A copy of this document must be posted with the County's Planning & Development Department 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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