

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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COUNTY SANTA BARBARA

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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)	081-230-021	079-150-053	079-150-054	079-150-057	081-250-016
079-210-042	079-210-059	079-080-001	079-080-002	079-080-012	079-080-021
079-090-033	079-090-037	079-140-012	079-140-018	079-140-042	079-140-043
079-140-050	079-140-051	079-140-052	079-140-056	079-140-058	079-140-065
079-150-020	079-150-021	079-150-029	079-150-047	079-150-048	079-150-049
079-150-051	079-150-052				

Case Nos. Real Property File No. 003529

LOCATIONS: City of Goleta (APN 079-210-042) and Gaviota in the Unincorporated Area of Santa Barbara County (APN 081-230-021)

PROJECT TITLE: Line 96 Abandonment (003529)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed action is for the formal abandonment of Line 96 beginning at the Ellwood Onshore Facility (EOF) identified as Assessor Parcel Number 079-210-042 located in the City of Goleta and ending at Assessor Parcel Number 081-230-021 adjacent to Las Flores Canyon in the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County. The County intends to award a contract to abandon Line 96, which work will include purging the line and filling it with inert gas, and then isolating and blinding the pipe at each end of the line. These actions will be taken in accordance with the Office of the State Fire Marshall (OSFM), which has regulatory responsibilities and in accordance with grant funds accepted from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- X Categorical Exemption [Sections 15301, 15307 and 15308]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:

15301 [Class 1- Existing Facilities]:

Reasons to support exemption findings: The proposed actions are categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301 [*Existing Facilities*] of the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The CEQA Existing Facilities exemption at Section 15301 allows for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Consistent with this exemption, the proposed project involves the abandonment of a decommissioned pipeline, which will involve

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negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time this Board approved the Final EIR (09EIR-00000-00005) on January 17, 2012, for the Line 96 Modification Project.

With regard to the proposed project, the exceptions to the Existing Facilities categorical exemption that must be considered pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines are:

- (a) ***Location.*** *Classes 3,4,5,6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply in all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and official adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.*

The Section 15301 is a Class 1 Categorical Exemption, therefore this exception is not applicable.

- (b) ***Cumulative Impact.*** *All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.*

There are no successive projects of the same type in the same place anticipated for this location. There is no cumulative impact and, therefore this exception does not apply.

- (c) ***Significant Effect.*** *A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.*

Line 96 is an existing facility that has been decommissioned. The proposed abandonment of this pipeline will not result in any additional impacts to the environment.

- (d) ***Scenic Highways.*** *A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.*

Line 96 is an underground pipeline in the vicinity of Highway 101; however, any visual impacts from abandonment activity will be temporary and limited in nature and will not damage scenic resources. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (e) ***Hazardous Waste Sites.*** *A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.*

This proposed project is not located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. Therefore, it is not located on a hazardous waste site and this exception does not apply.

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(f) Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

This proposed project does not involve any historical resources. This exception does not apply.

15307 [Class 7 - Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources]:

Reasons to support exemption findings: The OSFM, which has regulatory responsibilities over pipelines located in Santa Barbara County, has directed the County to formally abandon Line 96 in accordance with its standards and procedures as well as state and federal laws. Therefore, the proposed action is categorically exempt from environmental review under the “Class 7” (14 CCR §15307) exemption of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines because it is an action taken by a regulatory agency as authorized by state law or local ordinance to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. The analysis above for the exceptions to the categorical exemption in Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines apply here.


15308 [Class 8 - Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment]:

Reasons to support exemption findings: The OSFM, which has regulatory responsibilities over pipelines located in Santa Barbara County, has directed the County to formally abandon Line 96 in accordance with its standards and procedures as well as state and federal laws. Therefore, the proposed action is categorically exempt from environmental review under the “Class 8” (14 CCR §15308) exemption per the CEQA Guidelines because it is an action taken by a regulatory agency, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. The analysis above for the exceptions to the categorical exemption in Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines apply here.

Lead Agency Contact and Dept./Division Representative: Susan Freebourn (805) 266-4176

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CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Complete this form when filing a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental Impact Report or Notice of Exemption.

You will need to submit one original for posting plus one copy for the Department of Fish & Wildlife. A scanned copy including the date/time of posting will be emailed to the Lead Agency and Project Applicant. If you would like a return copy, please submit an extra copy along with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

Contact Person Susan Freebourn		Phone (805) 266-4176	
Lead Agency General Services Dept, County of Santa Barbara		Lead Agency Email sfreebourn@countyofsb.org	
Project Title <small>Approval of the Agreement with Beacon West Consulting and Acceptance of a Budget Allocation from the State of California Department of Toxic Substances Control for the Abandonment of Pipeline Line 96; District 3</small>			
Project Applicant Susan Freebourn	Email sfreebourn@countyofsb.org	Phone (805) 266-4176	
Project Applicant Address 1105 E Santa Barbara St, East Wing, 2nd Floor	City Santa Barbara	State CA	Zip 93110

DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - 2018 Filing Fee\$3,168.00
 - Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) \$0.00
 - No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00

- Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration
 - 2018 Filing Fee\$2,280.75
 - Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) \$0.00
 - No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00

- Notice of Exemption \$0.00

- County Administrative Handling Fee (**required for all filings**)..... \$50.00

TOTAL: \$ 50.00

PAYMENT METHOD: ALL APPLICABLE FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF FILING

- Cash
- Check # _____
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Document Number: JE - 0233886
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References

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Accounting

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PROJECT TITLE

NOE - Line 96 Abandonment

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		ZIP CODE 93101

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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|---|------------|----|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR) | \$3,539.25 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) | \$2,548.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,203.25 | \$ | 0.00 |

- Exempt from fee
 Notice of Exemption (attach)
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee | | \$ | 50.00 |
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NOTICE

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):

- Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- Mail filing fees for CRP document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a **No Effect Determination** signed by CDFW, also:

- Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental filing fee is due).*

Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) (Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))

- Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental filing fee is due).*

Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- ✓ A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- ✓ A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
- ✓ A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

DOCUMENT RETENTION

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

RECEIPT NUMBER

- # The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
- # The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
- # The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.

Mail to:
 California Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Accounting Services Branch
 P.O. Box 944209
 Sacramento, California 94244-2090