

## **ATTACHMENT 2**

### **NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

**FROM:** Jennifer Siemens, Contract Planner, Planning and Development Department

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:** 005-310-007, -008, -012, -021, -025, -026, 005-320-025, -042

**Case No.:** 14APL-00000-00014, 14APL-00000-00004, 12BAR-00000-00096

**Location:** State Highway 192, post mile 15.4/15.6- Foothill Road about ½ mile west of Cravens Lane

**Project Title:** Caltrans Bridge Replacement Appeal

**Project Applicant:** California Department of Transportation

**Project Description:** The project would replace the existing 1920's era Arroyo Parida Creek Bridge on State Route 192 with a new bridge measuring 60 feet long by 40 feet wide. The bridge width would provide shoulders and include bridge and bicycle rails. A 74-foot retaining wall would be constructed at the southwest corner of the bridge. The top of the retaining wall would be just below the finished grade of the new pavement, requiring that the bridge and bicycle rail extend the length of the wall. An existing 18-inch culvert west of the bridge would be replaced by a 10-foot by 6-foot concrete box culvert. A new hybrid roughened channel/step pool channel designed to allow fish passage and meet hydraulic requirements. Rock slope protection would be installed on the southeast creek bank, extending 95 feet downstream of the structure. Rock slope protection would also be placed around the abutments and drainage systems serving the bridge and roadway. A total of (75) trees could be impacted by the project. Forty-one of these trees are natives [(21) oaks, (12) sycamores, (2) walnuts, and (6) willows]; the remaining 34 are non-native trees. Twelve of the native trees [(6) oaks and (6) sycamores] are trees that may have more than 20% of their root zones affected during construction. Mitigation planting is included in the project. The project would also include the replacement of five utility poles within the Caltrans right-of-way. Existing gas lines within the project site would be replaced and realigned.

Name of Public Agency Denying Project: Santa Barbara County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

☐ Ministerial  
☒ Statutory Exemption  
☐ Categorical Exemption  
☐ Emergency Project  
☐ Declared Emergency

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15270 (Projects which are disapproved)**

**Reasons to support exemption findings:**

The proposed denial is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15270 (Projects which are disapproved) of the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act. Section 15270 statutorily exempts projects from CEQA review which a public agency rejects or disapproves.

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Acceptance Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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