

**ATTACHMENT E- NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

**FROM:** Ciara Ristig, Planning and Development

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.

**APNs:** 009-282-001

**Case No.:** 20EMP-00000-00001

**Location:** 1042 Monte Cristo Lane (also known as 910 Channel Drive), Montecito, CA

**Project Title:** Montecito Sanitary District Emergency Trailers

**Project Applicant:** Montecito Sanitary District

**Project Description:** The Montecito Sanitary District (“District”) has requested and been granted an Emergency Permit pursuant to Section 35-171.5.2 of the Article II Zoning Ordinance to place four (4) emergency trailers onsite to assist staff in having adequate facilities for physical protection, proper hygiene and workplace distancing during the current COVID-19 emergency. The trailers are immediately needed onsite to provide additional protection to the staff in order to allow for the essential operations of the District to continue during the COVID-19 emergency.

The total square footage of the four trailers is 1,344 sf. Two of the trailers measure 12’x44’ and two measure 8’x18’. The trailers will be accessed from the existing driveway off of Channel Drive. The trailers require a Minor Conditional Use Permit (MCUP) pursuant to Section 35-132.6 of the Coastal Zoning Ordinance and upon approval, would be allowed to remain on the property for a maximum of two years. The approval body for the MCUP is the Montecito Planning Commission. The MCUP is required to be in conformance with the already submitted application for a Development Plan that is requesting to authorize a new Essential Services Building. The trailers may be removed earlier if the additional protective measures related to COVID19 are no longer necessary and/or the Essential Services Building is constructed.

The project site is a 6.3 acre parcel zoned PU, shown as APN 009-282-001, located at 1042 Monte Cristo Lane/910 Channel Drive, in the Montecito Community Plan Area, First Supervisorial District.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Santa Barbara

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Montecito Sanitary District

**Exempt Status:**  
           Ministerial

- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** Cal. Pub. Res. Code Section 21080(b)(4) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(c) [Emergency Projects]

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** CEQA Guideline Section 15269 (c) exempts *specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency*. The Montecito Sanitary District (MSD) site is located in coastal Montecito and is developed to serve the community of Montecito’s wastewater needs. Uninterrupted operations onsite are critical to maintain existing wastewater service to the community of Montecito. The threat of Coronavirus (COVID-19) has presented new and time-sensitive challenges to MSD and therefore, additional levels of protection for existing MSD staff are required. The District has submitted a permit application to construct a new Essential Services Building (ESB) and a recycled water treatment system. This permit is currently in process and not yet approved. Although the proposed ESB would provide the needed protection for staff, it cannot be constructed in time to respond to the immediate emergency need of the District. The four trailers will be placed close to the existing entrance to the site off of Channel Drive and will not require grading or tree removal.

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**Department/Division Representative:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: July 7, 2020

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

**Distribution:** Hearing Support Staff

**Date Filed by County Clerk:** \_\_\_\_\_.