

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department of Public Works – Surveyor’s Office
(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): N/A **Case No.:** County Project No. 862367

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

PROJECT TITLE: Award professional services contract for the bridge foundation design.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Request for the Board of Supervisors to authorize the Chair of the Board to approve and authorize a professional services contract for the bridge foundation design with Earth Mechanics, Inc.(not a local vendor), 17800 Newhope Street, Suite B, Fountain Valley, CA 92708, in the base contract amount of \$139,174.42, for professional engineering services for the Bonita School Road Bridge No. 51C-0230 Replacement Project, County Project No. 862367 in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15301(c)]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b, 3)]
- Not a Project [Sec. 15378(b, 5)]

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:(5) Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

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


The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is the responsible agency to execute a professional services contract with Earth Mechanics, Inc. The execution of the contract is an administrative activity and is not a project by definition. The term project refers to the activity which is being approved and which may be subject to several discretionary approvals by governmental agencies. The term project does not mean each separate governmental approval. Further, the execution of the contract will not create any unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect.

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Acceptance Date: **September 20, 2016**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



Morgan M. Jones August 3, 2016
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.

Distribution:

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