

Attachment C

Notice of Exemption

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Planning & 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.

APN: County-wide

Case No.: N/A

Location: County-wide

Projects Title: Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) 2013-2017 Reassessment of Fees

Projects Description: The CREF Guidelines stipulate a process by which CREF fees are assessed at five-year intervals.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Energy Division, Planning & Development

Exempt Status: (Check one)

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

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15061(b)(3) and 15378(b)(4)

Reasons to support exemption findings:

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378(b)(4), the reassessment of CREF fees does not constitute a project under CEQA because it involves "...the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment." The five-year reassessment of the CREF fees is a government fiscal activity that is set forth in the CREF Guidelines. It does not involve a commitment to any specific project; it simply adjusts fees to 1988 dollars and has no possibility of having a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: _____ Phone #: _____

Department/Division Representative: _____ Date: _____

Acceptance Date: _____

distribution: Hearing Support Staff

Project file (when P&D permit is required)
Date Filed by County Clerk: _____.