

ATTACHMENT 2
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Florence Trotter-Cadena, Planner

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: 079-030-019, and -020

Case No.: 14RZN-00000-00002

Location: located approximately 1,500 feet southwest of the intersection of Live Oak Road and Highway 154, in the Santa Ynez area, Third Supervisorial District.

Project Title: Serena San Marcos, LLC Rezone

Project Applicant: Paul and Serena Kusserow

Project Description: Consistency Rezone for a New Agricultural Preserve Contract

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Paul and Serena Kusserow

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- XX** No Possibility of Significant Effect [§15061(b)(3)]
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline: 15061(b)(3), [No Possibility of Significant Effect] This section exempts projects under the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed project is to rezone the property from 100-AG to AG-II-100, which would not result in any new development. The rezone would allow the property to enter into an agricultural preserve contract, thereby supporting the existing agricultural operation and ensuring long term use of the property for agriculture. The proposed project would not increase the demand on existing services, would not result in the loss of any existing native vegetation, and would not require extensive grading or land alteration, nor would it impact any biological,

archaeological or other sensitive environmental resources. Therefore, the common sense exemption is appropriate as there is no possibility of a significant environmental impact.

There is no substantial evidence that the proposed project involves unusual circumstances, including future activities, resulting in or which might reasonably result in significant impacts which threaten the environment.

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Department/Division Representative: _____

Date: _____

Acceptance Date: _____

distribution: Hearing Support Staff

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____.