

ATTACHMENT 3
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Peter Adam, 4th District Supervisor

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(s): Countywide **Case No.:** Ordinance

Location: Countywide

Project Title: Adoption of Ordinance Amending Chapter 10, Article I, Section 10-1.6 of the County Code Related to Structures Exempt from Building Permits

Project Description: Revise and amend Chapter 10, Article I, Section 10-1.6 of the Santa Barbara County Code related to shade cloth and plastic-covered hoop structures to exempt these particular structures from Building Permits.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Santa Barbara

Exempt Status: (Check one)

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

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15061(b), (3), (No possibility of impact to the environment). CEQA Section 15061(b)(3) states that “the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where 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 activity is not subject to CEQA”.

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

Certain climatic, geologic, and topographic conditions unique to Santa Barbara County necessitate these modifications. Such conditions include, but are not limited to, extreme wind, which makes impossible without temporary plant shelter equipment the growing of high-value agriculture crops like raspberries, blueberries, and blackberries. The ordinance under consideration shall exempt plastic-covered hoop structures from the Building Code and allow for greater flexibility for farmers who are attempting to use modern and more efficient farming technology.

This ordinance amendment is not related to any particular development projects, and individual projects will be subject to compliance with CEQA, as applicable. The plant shelter equipment is temporary, can be readily removed, and is for the protection of high-value agricultural crops. Therefore, it can be seen with

certainty that there is no possibility that this ordinance amendment may have a significant effect on the environment.

Peter Adam
4th District Supervisor

Date

Note: A copy of this form must be posted six (6) days prior to a decision on the project. Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of thirty (30) days to begin a thirty-five (35) day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

Distribution: Planning and Development Department

Date filed with the County Clerk