



# 2023 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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You will need to submit one original for posting plus one copy for the Department of Fish & Wildlife. A scanned copy including the date/time of posting will be emailed to the Lead Agency and Project Applicant. If you would like a return copy, please submit an extra copy along with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

Contact Person		Phone	
Lead Agency		Lead Agency Email	
Project Title			
Project Applicant	Email	Phone	
Project Applicant Address	City	State	Zip

## DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) .....
- 2023 Filing Fee .....\$3,839.25
- Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) ..... \$0.00
- No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00

- Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration .....
- 2023 Filing Fee .....\$2,764.00
- Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) ..... \$0.00
- No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00

- Notice of Exemption ..... \$0.00

- County Administrative Handling Fee (**required for all filings, effective 7/19/18**) ..... \$50.00

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# Journal Entry

Document Number: JE - 0255076  
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## References

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## Accounting

Fund	Dept	GL Acct	LI Acct	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Prog	OUnit	Proj	Act	Area	Equip	Depositor	Description
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0001	012	2710	5746		50.00	4020							CEQA FEE-SANTA MARIA RIVER RE-ALIGNMENT PROJECT
			Total	100.00	100.00								

## Signatures

Signed By	Approval Level	Department/Agency-Fund Group	Signed On	Valid
Cindy Gonzalez		054-Public Works	9/14/2023 10:04:13 AM	Y
Joseph Teare		054-Public Works	9/15/2023 11:48:58 AM	Y
Chelsea Lenzi	Fund/Department	012-County Executive Office Funds	9/19/2023 4:41:15 PM	Y
Dawn Holden	Department CFO	012-County Executive Office Funds	9/20/2023 7:40:51 AM	Y

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**FROM:** Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

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:** NA

**Case No.:** NA

**Location:** Santa Barbara County

**Project Title:** Santa Maria River Maintenance of Revegetation Project

**Project Description:** This Project involves ongoing maintenance, such as weed control, irrigation repairs, and plant management, for the native habitat revegetation installed as part of the Santa Maria River Restoration of Alignment Emergency Project. The Emergency Project involved debris and sediment removal and contouring near the City of Guadalupe. Site conditions after emergency removal of sediment and debris were exposed sand and bare sediment in a disturbed state. The Emergency Project includes actions to follow-up with installation of native vegetation and temporary irrigation. The ongoing maintenance of the revegetation areas is exempt from the requirements of CEQA as a minor alteration to land (State CEQA Guidelines 15304) and under the common sense exemption 15061(b)(3).

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District in coordination with the County of Santa Barbara - Public Works Dept.

**Exempt Status:**

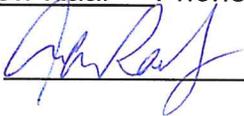
- Executive Order
- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** Public Resources Code and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – General Rule; and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Categorical Exemption – Minor Alterations to Land.

The maintenance of the revegetation area in the Santa Maria River Restoration of Alignment Emergency Project consists of weed control, irrigation repairs, and plant

maintenance. These activities represent a minor alteration to land, water, or vegetation; and none of the limitations apply pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15304. Further, the general rule and review for exemption Section 15061(b)(3) indicates that an activity is covered by the "common sense exemption" that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, as defined in Section 15382 as a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change. Weed control and landscaping maintenance do not have the potential for a substantial adverse change on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Andrew Raaf Phone #: 805-722-7250

Department/Division Representative:  Date: 11/16/2025

**NOTE:** A copy of this document must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.