

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department of Public Works – Transportation Division
(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.:** N/A

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

PROJECT TITLE:; Waiver of Competitive Bidding for Procurement of Aggregates, Hot Mix Asphalts, and Concrete Used in the Construction and Maintenance of County Maintained Roads: All Supervisorial Districts

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Waiver of competitive bidding requirements and authorize the Purchasing Agent to procure aggregate materials, hot mix asphalts (HMA), and concrete used in the repair and construction of County infrastructure on an as-needed basis, effective through June 30, 2017.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

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

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: (2) Continuing administrative or maintenance activities, such as purchases for supplies, personal-related actions, general policy and procedure making...

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

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is the responsible agency for authorizing the Public Works Department to waive the competitive bidding process for procurement to acquire materials used in construction, maintenance, and emergency repair of the County's transportation infrastructure. In order for the Public Works Department to respond quickly to compromised road conditions, the Department needs to be able to procure materials quickly. 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 Waiver of Competitive Bidding for Procurement will not create any unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. Therefore, the Waiver of Competitive Bidding for Procurement is not a project it can be found to be exempt from CEQA.

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Acceptance Date: **May 20, 2014**
[Date of final action on project]

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting


Morgan M. Jones

May 8, 2014

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.

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