

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Santa Barbara County Planning & Development Department

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: 073-090-070, 079-210-024 and -069

Case No.: N/A

Location: Ellwood Mesa in Goleta

Project Title: Ellwood Mesa Coastal Trail Enhancement and Habitat Restoration Project

Project Description: The Santa Barbara County Trails Council will complete final planning for the Ellwood Mesa Coastal Trail Enhancement and Habitat Restoration Project on the Ellwood Mesa in the City of Goleta.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Long Range Planning, Planning & Development

Exempt Status: (Check one)

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

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15262

Reasons to support exemption findings:

CEQA Section 15262 exempts, "A project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted or funded does not require the preparation of an EIR or Negative Declaration but does require consideration of environmental factors. This section does not apply to the adoption of a plan that will have a legally binding effect on later activities." Funding the Ellwood Mesa Coastal Trail Enhancement and Habitat Restoration Project is a project that involves planning studies for possible future actions which the City of Goleta has not approved.

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: _____.