

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**FROM: Community Services Department, Parks Division**

**LOCATION:** Arroyo Burro Beach Park, Santa Barbara and Goleta Beach Park, Goleta

**PROJECT TITLE:** Tuckers Grove Park Bridge Replacement

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Arroyo Burro Beach Park Interpretive Signs project installs up to nine (9) small interpretive panels at the three boardwalk viewpoints with three general themes of watershed, estuary and ocean ecosystems and wildlife. The Goleta Beach Park Coastal Access Improvements renovates the existing beach park for improved access for coastal sediment/beach nourishment deposition, reduction in water usage by replacing the existing irrigation system and decreasing the lawn area to allow for natural walking/exercise paths throughout the park area, and installation of non-invasive carbon-sequestration plantings.

**EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)**

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** Section 15301

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

The proposed action is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301 of the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) which consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing use.

With regard to the proposed projects, the exceptions to the Existing Facilities categorical exemption that must be considered pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines are:

*(a) Location. Classes 3,4,5,6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located - a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply in all instances, except where the project may have impact on environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and official adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.*

This exemption is not applicable.

*(b) Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.*

There are no successive projects of the same type in the same place anticipated for this location. There is no cumulative impact and, therefore this exception does not apply.

*(c) Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.*

This exception is not applicable.

**(d) Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements, which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.**

This proposed project is in an existing outdoor recreational facility. There are no state scenic highways in the project area. This exception does not apply.

**(e) Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.**

This proposed project are not located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. Therefore, it is not located on a hazardous waste site and this exception does not apply.

**(f) Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.**

The proposed projects do not involve any historical resources. This exception does not apply.

As described above, none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions contained within Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines apply to this project.

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Date filed with Clerk of Board

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