

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Joy Hufschmid, Santa Barbara County - Project Clean Water

The activity identified below is not the approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

APN: N/A

Case No. N/A

Location: Santa Barbara, CA

Project Title: Authorization to seek and apply for water quality grants during fiscal year 2011-2012.

Project Description: The Water Resources Division periodically obtains water quality and storm water management grants from state and federal agencies. This funding has been an essential element in providing projects and programs to protect public health and to enhance environmental quality in Santa Barbara County watersheds and beaches. The time allowed to submit grant applications is often too short to allow for prior Board approval. Board approval to apply for available grants would ensure that the opportunity to secure funds for clean water programs from non-general fund sources is fully taken advantage of. Upon being awarded any grants, the Water Resources Division will obtain Board approval prior to accepting grant funds.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County

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

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency
- No Project

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: Pursuant to 14 CCR 15378 (b) (4) The creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Reasons to support exemption findings:

Authorization to seek and apply for water quality grants is a government fiscal activity and is therefore not a project. This action does not remove any permit or environmental review requirement applicable to carrying out any project funded by state or federal grants.

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Department/Division Representative: Joy Hufschmid Date: Jan 3, 2012

Acceptance Date: _____

distribution: Hearing Support Staff

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____

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