

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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FROM: Public Works Department – Flood Control District

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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.

DEPT. OF SUPERVISORS

APN(s) : Various Case No: Not Applicable

Location: Countywide

Project Title: Emergency Response Actions from Impacts of December 2025 and January 2026 Storms.

Project Description:

Severe storms and rain events in early December 2025 and January 2026 resulted in flooding, sedimentation, and debris impacts throughout Santa Barbara County. As a result of the damages and the need to repair and restore drainage facilities, the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District has engaged in emergency response and will continue to implement measures to mitigate the emergency and prevent or mitigate subsequent emergencies during the remaining winter rainy season. The response activities may include, but are not limited to: debris removal, sediment management, channel dredging, creek and channel restoration, beach sediment disposal operations, vegetation management, and other flood control facility repairs and maintenance.

There is not an insignificant chance of additional storms this winter rainy season, and immediate action is required to remove debris from the flood control system in order to create additional capacity in the event of additional storms.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Flood Control District

Exempt Status:

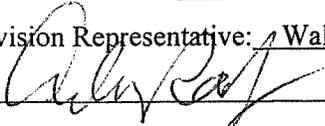
- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:

Section 15269(c): Specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency that does not have a low probability of occurrence. Flood control infrastructure and drainage facilities were impacted by severe weather and must be maintained and repaired to restore flood protection performance. The pending winter and early spring months are likely to bring more periods of intense rainfall.

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

Department/Division Representative: Walter Rubalcava Date: January 7, 2026

Signature: 

Acceptance Date: 1-13-2026

Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenge

1-16-2026
Date Filed by County Clerk



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2026 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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(805) 568-2240

Complete this form when filing a Notice of Determination (Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental Impact Report) or Notice of Exemption.
A scanned copy of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Receipt, Transmittal Memorandum and the CEQA filing, 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 Andrew Raaf		Phone 805-568-3445	
Lead Agency Santa Barbara County Flood Control & Water Conservation District		Lead Agency Email ASRAAF@countyofsb.org	
Project Title Emergency Response Actions from Impacts of Dec 2025 and Jan 2026 Storms			
Project Applicant Walter Rubalcava	Email wrubalc@countyofsb.org	Phone 805-568-3436	
Project Applicant Address 130 E. Victoria St., STE 200	City Santa Barbara	State CA	Zip 93101

DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - 2026 Filing Fee\$4,227.50
 - Previously Paid (must attach receipt) \$0.00
 - No Effect Determination (must be attached)..... \$0.00
 Environmental Filing Fees will be collected *only* for projects that are approved. The Applicant must attest to the following:
 - This project has been approved. Date of Approval:

- Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).....
 - 2026 Filing Fee \$3,043.75
 - Previously Paid (must attach receipt) \$0.00
 - No Effect Determination (must be attached)..... \$0.00
 Environmental Filing Fees will be collected *only* for projects that are approved. The Applicant must attest to the following:
 - This project has been approved. Date of Approval:

Notice of Exemption.....\$0.00

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

TOTAL: \$ 50.00

PAYMENT METHOD: ALL APPLICABLE FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF FILING

- Cash
 - Credit
 - Check # _____
 - Journal Entry # 1073 ~~\$~~ 779
- In person only Ensure Workday status reflects "Posted" prior to filing



View Event: Journal: JE-1073779 on
01/08/2026 for \$50.00 by CINDY GONZALEZ

For JE-1073779 - County of Santa Barbara California - 01/08/2026 - CEQA FEE-EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIONS FROM IMPACTS OF DEC 2025 AND JAN 2026 STORMS
Overall Process Journal: JE-1073779 on 01/08/2026 for \$50.00 by CINDY GONZALEZ
Overall Status In Progress
Due Date 01/10/2026
Calendars In Use Consecutive Days (No Calendars Selected)

Details

Journal Entry View

Journal JE-1073779 - County of Santa Barbara California - 01/08/2026 - CEQA FEE-EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIONS FROM IMPACTS OF DEC 2025 AND JAN 2026 STORMS
Journal Number JE-1073779
Status Reserved
Event In Progress Accounting Journal
Budget Check Status Pass

Journal Entry Information

Originated by CINDY GONZALEZ
Accounting Date 01/08/2026
Currency USD
Period Jan-FY 2025-26 Actuals (County of Santa Barbara California)
Ledger County of Santa Barbara California : Actuals
Journal Source Manual Journal
Balancing Fund FD-2400 Flood Ctrl/Wtr Cons Dst MI
Book Code

Journal Entry Details

Memo CEQA FEE-EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIONS FROM IMPACTS OF DEC 2025 AND JAN 2026 STORMS
External Reference ID
Adjustment Journal No
Create Reversed No
Balanced Yes
Total As-Entered Ledger Debits 50.00
Total As-Entered Ledger Credits 50.00

As Entered

Journal Entry Lines

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Journal Line	Company	Ledger Account	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Memo	External Reference ID	Spend Category	Revenue Category	Grant	Project Task	Program	Cost Center	*Fund	Additional Worktags	Interworking Affiliata	Budget Date	Exceptions
Accounting Journal: County of Santa Barbara California - 01/08/2026, 7020:Services and Supplies, Debit:50, Credit:50 As Entered for intercompany	County of Santa Barbara California	7020:Services and Supplies	50.00		CEQA FEE- EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIONS FROM IMPACTS OF DEC 2025 AND JAN 2026 STORMS	SC-7516 Permitting Services			PG-0543003 Water Resources Environment		CC-54410 Public Works- Flood Control	FD-2400 Flood Cirt/Wtr Cons Dst Mt	Event: EV- 000120 2025 December Storm		01/08/2026		
Accounting Journal: County of Santa Barbara California - 01/08/2026, 6300:Charges for Services, Debit:50, Credit:50 As Entered for intercompany	County of Santa Barbara California	6300:Charges for Services		50.00	CEQA FEE- EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIONS FROM IMPACTS OF DEC 2025 AND JAN 2026 STORMS	RC-5746 Administrative Revenue			PG-0124020 Clerk of the Board		CC-12000 County Executive	FD-0001 General		01/08/2026			
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Accounting Journal: County of Santa Barbara California - 01/08/2026, 1000:Cash in Treasury, Debit:50, Credit:0 Activity	County of Santa Barbara California	1000:Cash in Treasury		50.00									FD-0001 General	Bank Account: z_Claim on Cash	Fund Affiliate: FD- 2400 Flood Cirt/Wtr Cons Dst Mt		
Accounting Journal: County of Santa Barbara California - 01/08/2026, 6300:Charges for Services, Debit:0, Credit:50 Activity	County of Santa Barbara California	6300:Charges for Services		0.00	CEQA FEE- EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTIONS FROM IMPACTS OF DEC 2025 AND JAN 2026 STORMS	RC-5746 Administrative Revenue					PG-0124020 Clerk of the Board	CC-12000 County Executive	FD-0001 General				
Accounting Journal: County of Santa Barbara California - 01/08/2026, 1000:Cash in Treasury, Debit:0, Credit:50 Activity	County of Santa Barbara California	1000:Cash in Treasury		0.00									FD-2400 Flood Cirt/Wtr Cons Dst Mt	Bank Account: z_Claim on Cash	Fund Affiliate: FD- 0001 General		



Status History		Entered On	Workday/Account
Created		01/08/2026 08:23:35.622 AM	
In Progress		01/08/2026 08:30:05.060 AM	cgonzalez@countyofsb.org / CINDY GONZALEZ
Reserved		01/08/2026 08:30:08.839 AM	cgonzalez@countyofsb.org / CINDY GONZALEZ
RE_CEQA notice .pdf			wd-support
NOE ApxE for StateOPR.pdf			
2025.STM3 Emergency Work NOE.pdf			
2025.stm3 CEQA Transmittal Memo.pdf			
Accounting Journal Event			
Accounting Journal Event			

File Name	Content Type	Updated By	Upload Date	Comment
RE_CEQA notice .pdf	application/pdf	CINDY GONZALEZ	01/08/2026 08:30:04 AM	
NOE ApxE for StateOPR.pdf	application/pdf	CINDY GONZALEZ	01/08/2026 08:30:04 AM	
2025.STM3 Emergency Work NOE.pdf	application/pdf	CINDY GONZALEZ	01/08/2026 08:30:04 AM	
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Process	Step	Status	Completed On	Due Date	Person (Up to 5)	All Persons	Comment
Accounting Journal Event	Accounting Journal Event	Step Completed	01/08/2026 08:30:05 AM	01/10/2026	CINDY GONZALEZ	1	
Accounting Journal Event	Review Journal	Not Required		01/10/2026		0	

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Process	Step	Status	Completed On	Due Date	Person (Up to 5)	All Persons	Comment
Check Budget (Financial)	Check Budget (Financial)	Automatic Complete	01/08/2026 08:30:05 AM	01/10/2026		0	
Check Budget (Financial)	Batch/Job: Run Budget Check	Step Completed	01/08/2026 08:30:08 AM			0	
Check Budget (Financial)	Review Budget Check	Not Required		01/10/2026		0	
Check Budget (Financial)	Review Budget Check	Not Required		01/10/2026		0	
Check Budget (Financial)	Review Budget Check	Not Required		01/10/2026		0	
Check Budget (Financial)	Override Budget Check	Not Required		01/10/2026		0	
Check Budget (Financial)	Service: Reserve Budget in Budget Check	Step Completed	01/08/2026 08:30:08 AM		Workday Service	1	
Accounting Journal Event	Approval by Cost Center Manager	Awaiting Action			DAWN HOLDEN (Cost Center Manager) () STEVEN YEE (Cost Center Manager) () KIMBERLY RUIZ (Cost Center Manager) ()	2	
Accounting Journal Event	Approval by Cost Center Manager	Awaiting Action				1	
Remaining Process							

Click on the button below to review remaining process details.



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:
 42 — 01/16/2026 — 020
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY Santa Barbara County Flood Control & Water Conservation Dist	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL asraaf@countyofsb.org	DATE 01/16/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE

Emergency Response Actions from Impacts of December 2025 and January 2026 Storms

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Walter Rubalcava	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL wrubalc@countyofsb.org	PHONE NUMBER (805) 568-3436
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 130 E. Victoria St., Suite 200	CITY Santa Barbara	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93101

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR) | \$4,227.50 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) | \$3,043.75 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,437.25 | \$ | 0.00 |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy) | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee | | \$ | 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | \$ | |

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X <i>Katherine Douglas</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Katherine Douglas, Deputy Clerk
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