

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Scott McGolpin, Director of Public Works

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: n/a **Case No.:** n/a

Location: Santa Barbara County, Unincorporated Montecito Community Plan Area

Project Title: Summary Nuisance Abatement of Storm Emergency Debris – Urgency Ordinance

Project Applicant: Santa Barbara County Flood Control

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

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

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Not A Project

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Guidelines Section 15269 exempts several types of emergency projects from CEQA: (a) Projects to maintain, repair, restore, demolish, or replace property or facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in a disaster stricken area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor; (b) Emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare; and (c) Specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

Reasons to support exemption findings: This urgency ordinance would allow the County Executive Officer to authorize, when it constitutes an immediate threat to life, public health, and safety, actions necessary to enter private property impacted by debris flows from the Thomas Fire to clear debris or other obstructions and work within 100 feet of the top of bank of stream channels in order to clear debris or other obstructions from within stream channels. This urgency ordinance is necessary to maintain and repair stream channels in an area where state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor. On December 5, 2017, Governor Brown declared a State of Emergency for the County of Ventura regarding the Thomas Fire and on December 7, 2017, Santa Barbara County was added to the State of Emergency declaration. Emergency repairs to privately owned stream channels are necessary to maintain flood control services that are essential to the public health, safety or welfare. Removal of debris and other obstructions is a necessary specific action to prevent or mitigate additional flood emergencies during the rainy season.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Tom Fayram Phone #: 805-568-3435

Date: January 30, 2018

Acceptance Date: _____ **POSTED**

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