

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jacquelyn Ybarra, Planner, Energy Minerals & Compliance Division

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: NA

Case No.: NA

Location: NA

Project Title: Coastal Resources Mitigation Fund, Santa Ynez Unit Mid-cycle Fee Reassessment

Project Applicant: County of Santa Barbara, Planning and Development Department

Project Description: Reassessment of the Santa Ynez Unit Coastal Resources Mitigation Fund fees for 2025 – 2027, and the amendment the Coastal Resources Mitigation Fund Guidelines for the purposes of documenting the reassessment and other typographical changes.

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

Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project: County of Santa Barbara, Planning and Development Department

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial
- ☐ Statutory Exemption
- ☐ Categorical Exemption
- ☐ Emergency Project
- ☐ Declared Emergency
- ☒ Not a Project

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guidelines Section: 15378(b)(4) and (5); the proposed action does not constitute a project as defined in CEQA.

Reasons to support exemption findings: Assessing and allocating Coastal Resources Mitigation Fund fees and amending the Coastal Resources Mitigation Fund Guidelines are exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) and (5), as the proposed actions do not constitute a “project” as defined in CEQA. Section 15378(b)(4) and (5) specifically exempts the creation of government funding

mechanisms or other government fiscal activities and organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. Assessing and allocating Coastal Resources Mitigation Fund fees and amending the Coastal Resources Mitigation Fund Guidelines are fiscal administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Therefore, no environmental review is required.

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