

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**FROM: Department of Public Works/Engineering Division
(Lead Department/Division)**

Based on a preliminary review of the project the following activity is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970 (Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 et seq.), as defined in the State CEQA Guidelines and County Revised CEQA Guidelines.

Project No. 900900

LOCATION APN(s) Adjacent to parcels 062-220-028, 029, 044, 003, 032, 031, 030, 061-091-004, 005, 009, 010, 007 along Cuna Road

PROJECT TITLE Cuna Road Closure

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

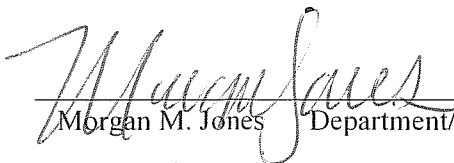
The Public Works Department proposes to close Cuna road to through traffic. The current vehicle traffic levels on Cuna road has created an unsafe situation. There is excessive vehicular volume on Cuna Drive due to cut-through traffic avoiding two traffic signals on Hollister Avenue. Cuna Drive is a narrow, two-lane road between Modoc Road and Nogal Drive. Its primary function is to provide access to residences on Cuna Drive. It is neither intended nor designed to act as a thoroughfare between Nogal Drive and Modoc Road. Drivers traveling between Modoc Road and Nogal Drive shall use Hollister Avenue because it is an arterial road designed to handle higher traffic volumes.

EXEMPT STATUS:(Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061 (b,3)].

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section 15301 (c) Existing Facilities – "...consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including but not limited to:...(c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), except where the activity will involve removal of a scenic resource including a stand of trees, a rock outcropping, or an historic building.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project is a minor alteration of a County street and therefore is contemplated by the CEQA exemption under section 15301. Further, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. The project is an operational maintenance activity designed to maintain a safe traveling condition of the highway facility as it was originally constructed.


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Department/Division Representative

May 14, 2010

Date

NOTE: A copy must be posted at least 6 days prior to consideration of the activity by the decision-makers to comply with County CEQA guidelines and a copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

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