

**ATTACHMENT-2
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Nicole Lieu, Planner

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: 105-010-033 **Case No.:** 16APL-00000-00018

Location: 4655 Song Lane, Orcutt

Title: Vander Meulen Appeal of Directors Determination

Property Owner: John Vander Meulen

Description: Appeal of the Planning Commission's affirmance of the Planning and Development Director's determination of unpermitted use of motor vehicles and establishment of a sports and recreation facility.

Name of Public Agency Involved: Santa Barbara County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Activity: John Vander Meulen

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Not a Project
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15378

Reasons to support exemption findings: CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(5) states that a project does not include "*organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.*" In this case, the activity is an appeal of Planning Commission affirmance of a determination by the Director of Planning and Development that the use of motorized vehicles for recreational purposes in residential zones is not permitted as an accessory use and that sports and outdoor recreation facilities require a Conditional Use Permit. This is an interpretation of existing ordinance language. The Planning Commission and Director's determinations, the appeal, the processing of the appeal, and the action of the Board of Supervisors are all administrative activities that do not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. In addition, this determination

reduces activity on site as well as County-wide and no permit is being issued. Therefore, the activity does not meet the definition of “project” as outlined in CEQA Guideline Section 15378(a)(3), which states that a project includes “*an activity involving the issuance to a person of a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement for use by one or more public agencies.*”

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Acceptance Date: _____

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