

**ATTACHMENT D
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tom Fayram, Deputy Public Works Director

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

Project Title and Description: Consider and approve amendments to County Code Chapter 15A pertaining to Letters of Map Revisions and, after the Board of Supervisor's June 19, 2018 action to consider and approve the recommendation of the floodplain administrator to supplement the Flood Insurance Study with the FEMA Recovery Map, to make minor amendments to clarify for the public using Chapter 15A, which maps Flood Control will use in reviewing projects.

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)

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

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15378(b)(5)

Reasons to support exemption findings: Considering and approving the Chapter 15A amendments is an administrative government activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and is not a project. The amendments clarifying the Letters of Map Revisions process is required by FEMA to meet the minimum National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations as required in 44 Code of Federal Regulations, 60.3 (d) and (e), which address riverine and coastal flood prevention requirements. The Letter of Map Revisions amendments are related to datum measurements and the data used to calculate risk premium rates and floodplain management requirements. The amendments noting the Board's June 19, 2018 action to approve the recommendation of the floodplain administrator to supplement the Flood Insurance Study with the FEMA Recovery Map just note that Board action in the text of Chapter 15A so that persons using the Ordinance will be aware of which maps Flood Control will use in reviewing projects. These amendments are not related to any particular development project, will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and possible future projects that are subject to Chapter 15A will be subject to compliance with CEQA, as applicable.

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Department/Division Representative (signature):  Date: 6-25-18

Acceptance Date: _____
Date Filed by County Clerk: JUN 25 2018 FOR Thomas D. Fayram

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