NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Community Services Department

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(s): N/A **Case No.:** N/A

Location: Cachuma Lake Recreation Area

Project Title: Cachuma Lake Camping Fee Waiver for Rey Fire Evacuees

Project Description: During the first hours of the Rey Fire, an estimated 300 residents, business operators and camping visitors were evacuated from the Paradise Road area due to the rapid expansion of the fire. State Route 154 was also closed between Santa Barbara and Santa Ynez the first evening of the fire. In the early stages of the Rey Fire, the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Services, the American Red Cross and the Community Services Department, Parks Division, made vacant camp sites at Cachuma Lake Recreation Area available to Rey Fire evacuees without cost while the extent of the evacuation could be determined.

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial
- ☐ Statutory
- ☐ Categorical Exemption
- ☐ Emergency Project
- ☐ No Possibility of Significant Effect [§15061(b,3)]
- ☒ Other

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15378(b)(4); the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve a commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment do not constitute a project.

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):
Waiving of camping fees does not result in direct physical impacts to the environment.

Department/Division Representative _____ Date: September 1, 2016
Jill Van Wie

Note: A copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days.

Copies to: Community Services Department, Parks Division
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