

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk  
**FROM:** Public Works Department (CSA 12)

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:** None (Upper Mission Canyon Planning Area)                      **Case No.:** NA

**Location:** Within the existing Tunnel Road right of way from address 1167 Tunnel Road to address 1331 Tunnel Road (approximately 2,350 feet, Figure 1) in the Mission Canyon Community Plan area of unincorporated Santa Barbara County, First Supervisorial District.

**Project Title:** Tunnel Road Sewer Main Extension

**Project Description:** Installation of approximately 2,350 linear feet of 8-inch diameter PVC sewer pipe with associated manholes and 4 inch PVC sewer stub out laterals in the right-of-way of Tunnel Road to provide public sewer service primarily to existing developed properties currently served by private septic systems in Mission Canyon. Each property owner is responsible for septic tank abandonment and connection of their building sewer laterals to the stub out laterals. The installation would extend from the existing terminus of the trunk sewer line in Tunnel Road and would discharge wastewater to the City of Santa Barbara Wastewater Treatment Facility pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreement for Wastewater Collection, Treatment and Disposal in the Mission Canyon Area.

The purpose of the project is to provide public sewer service to properties currently served by private septic systems that are failing due to age and/or are located in areas poorly suited for septic systems due to steep slopes, poor soils, and where replacement systems are not possible due to current septic system requirements.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Martin Wilder, District Manager

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

- Ministerial  
 Statutory Exemption  
 Categorical Exemption

\_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Project  
\_\_\_\_\_ Declared Emergency

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** California Code of Regulations (CEQA Guidelines) Section 15282(k).

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** CEQA Guidelines Section 15282(k) provides a statutory exemption for installation of new pipeline or maintenance, repair, restoration, removal, or demolition of an existing pipeline as set forth in Section 21080.21 of the Public Resources Code (PRC), as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length and the project be located within a public street or highway or any other public right-of-way. Consistent with this exemption, the proposed project involves the installation of approximately 2,350 linear feet of sewer pipeline in the right-of-way of Tunnel Road (a public street) within the Mission Canyon Community Plan area. Therefore, the project can be found to be statutorily exempt from CEQA.

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Date: December 21, 2022

**Acceptance Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date Filed by Clerk of the Board

