

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Planning & Development, Energy & Minerals Division

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:** County wide

**Projects Title:** Approval of a contract for a Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund Grant for the Channel Islands Marine & Wildlife Institute’s marine mammals public and educational outreach program.

**Projects Description:** Approval of a Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund Grant, in the amount of \$16,057, to the Channel Islands Marine & Wildlife Institute to create educational videos, purchase presentation and media equipment, print educational books and reusable bags, and conduct marine mammal awareness presentations at various events and educational programs throughout Santa Barbara County.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:**

N/A

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:**

Channel Islands Marine & Wildlife Institute

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** 15378(b)(4)

**Reasons to support exemption findings:**

Approval of the contract to award a Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund Grant does not meet the definition of a “project” pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), which exempts government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

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Department/Division Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: January 8, 2018

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

distribution: Hearing Support Staff

Project file (when P&D permit is required)  
Date Filed by County Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_.

