

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
FROM: Santa Barbara County Planning & Development 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: N/A
Case No.: N/A
Location: N/A

Project Title: Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund (CREF) Administration

Project Description: Changing the Coastal Resources Enhancement Fund's name/acronym, reassessing the fees for years 2023-2027, receiving the annual Status Report, allocating 2022 and 2023 annual fees into the HRAP and general allocation and acquisition subfunds, and updating the CREF Guidelines.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Santa Barbara

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency
- No Project

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15378(b)(4) and (5)

Reasons to support exemption findings:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Sections 15378 (b)(4) and (5) defines a "Project" as not including the creation of government funding mechanisms and not including organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect potentially significant physical changes in the environment. Reassessing and allocating CREF fees is a proposed budget allocation and, therefore, is not considered a "Project" nor considered to cause a significant effect on the environment. Amending the CREF Guidelines, changing the name and acronym, and receiving the annual status report are administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: _____ Phone #: _____

Department/Division Representative: _____ Date: _____

Acceptance Date: _____

distribution: Hearing Support Staff
Project file (when P&D permit is required)

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____.