



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

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** The CRMF Grant for the Harvest to Heal: Santa Barbara Urchin Divers and Scientists Unite to Restore Kelp Documentary is not considered a "Project" under CEQA Section 15378(b)(5). CEQA Section 15378(b)(5) defines a "Project" as not including organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. The County's approval to provide partial funding for the private documentary will not result in any physical changes in the environment. This grant will fund filming and distribution efforts to assist the production of an educational documentary film about the restoration of kelp forests. No direct or indirect physical changes will occur in the environment given the project's educational nature. By documenting and communicating kelp forest restoration efforts involving commercial fishermen, marine scientists, and conservation organizations, the film will educate the public about the importance of kelp forests and the role they play in supporting healthy marine ecosystems. Increased awareness can lead to greater public support for conservation, improved stewardship of coastal resources, and broader adoption of restoration practices.

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