

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

**FROM:** Allen Bell, Planning and 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:** Countywide

**Project Title:** 2015 Comprehensive Plan Annual Progress Report

**Project Applicant:** N/A

**Project Description:** Government Code Section 65400 requires the Montecito and County Planning Commissions to provide by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year an annual report on the status of the Comprehensive Plan to the Board of Supervisors, the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR), and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The County’s 2015 Comprehensive Plan Annual Progress Report summarizes programs undertaken by the Planning and Development Department in 2015 (January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015) to maintain and implement the Comprehensive Plan; the County’s progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs (RHNA); and the date(s) of the last revision(s) to the plan.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Planning and Development Department  
Long Range Planning Division

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency
- Not a project as defined by CEQA

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** 15378(b)(5) – Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.


**Reasons to support exemption findings:** The annual report serves as an administrative activity, the purpose of which is to provide the Board of Supervisors, OPR, and HCD with a status report on the implementation of County’s Comprehensive Plan, including the Housing Element; the dates of most recent revisions to the Comprehensive Plan; the County’s progress towards meeting its RHNA; and

specific housing information included in data tables provided by HCD. The 2015 Comprehensive Plan Annual Progress Report is not a project as defined by CEQA and, therefore, is not subject to environmental review.

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