

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**FROM: Department of Public Works – Surveyor’s Office**  
(Lead Department/Division)

Based on a preliminary review of the project the following activity 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(s):** N/A      **Case No.:** N/A

**LOCATION:** 105 East Anapamu Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Board of Supervisors Hearing Room

**PROJECT TITLE:** Agreements for Services of Independent Contractors with Bengal Engineering, MNS Engineers, and Rende Consulting for Engineering Consulting Services.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Request for the Board of Supervisors to execute to execute professional services contracts for engineering consulting services for the period December 13, 2016 through December 12, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 with each of the following consultants:

- i) Bengal Engineering (a local vendor)
- ii) MNS Engineers (a local vendor)
- iii) Rende Consulting (not a local vendor)

**EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)**

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15301(c)]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b, 3)]
- Not a Project [Sec. 15378 (b, 5)]

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** Section 15378 project means the whole of an action, which has the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect change, and that is any of the following: (b), Project does not include:(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 (attach additional material, if necessary):**

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is the responsible agency to execute professional services contracts with Rende Consulting Group, MNS Engineers and Bengal Engineering. The execution of the contracts is an administrative activity and is not a project by definition. The term project refers to the activity which is being approved and which may be subject to several discretionary approvals by governmental agencies. The term project does not mean each separate governmental approval. Further, the execution of the contract will not create any unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect.

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Acceptance Date: **December 13, 2016**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



Morgan M. Jones

October 24, 2016

Date

**NOTE:** A copy of this document must be posted with the County's Planning & Development Department at least 6 days prior to consideration of the activity by the decision-makers to comply with County CEQA guidelines and a copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

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Date filed with Planning & Development

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