

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department of Public Works/Engineering Division
(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 (Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 et seq.), as defined in the State CEQA Guidelines and County Revised CEQA Guidelines.

APN 083-460-013

Project No. 863358

LOCATION Jalama road at the 4.4 mile post marker

PROJECT TITLE Jalama Road Slip-out MP 4.4 site 3T23

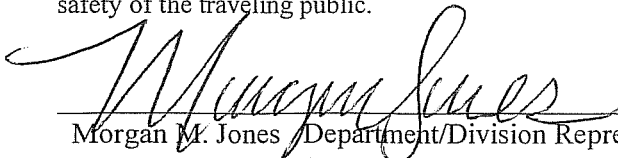
PROJECT DESCRIPTION. The road embankment will be excavated to allow for the replacement of a failed 30" CMP Culvert. This will require that the embankment slope be re-constructed with native soils and imported borrow soil by the selective earthwork removal and re-compaction of the roadway embankment to a flatter fill slope of 2:1 and the filling of a sinkhole. Repairs to drainage facilities will include down drains and an AC dike. Once the embankment slope has been reconstructed, the culvert replaced and the sink hole filled. The roadway will be repaved to restore the original two 11' wide travel lanes with 4' wide paved shoulders.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061 (b,3)].

CEQA Guideline Section: 15301 (c) Existing Facilities – "...consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including but not limited to:...(c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), except where the activity will involve removal of a scenic resource including a stand of trees, a rock outcropping, or an historic building.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project is repair of existing County maintained road and therefore is contemplated by the CEQA exemption under Section 15301. Further, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. Because this is a public road it has been determined to be exempt from the Land Use Development Permit requirements by ordinance, under Section 35.10.040 G (b) of the Land Use Development Code. The project is a repair of the existing roadway to maintain the safety of the traveling public.


Morgan M. Jones Department/Division Representative

October 21, 2009
Date

NOTE: A copy must be posted 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 statue of limitations on legal challenges.

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