

ATTACHMENT D: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Case Nos. 24RZN-00002, 24ORD-00008

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
FROM: Lila Spring, Planner
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 of Santa Barbara (County) guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN(s): Not applicable.

Case Nos.: 24RZN-00002, 24ORD-00008

Location: Coastal Zone

Project Title: California Coastal Commission Conditional Certification of the Local Coastal Program Amendment for Rezones for the 2023-2031 Housing Element Update

Project Description: Approval of the California Coastal Commission Conditional Certification of the Local Coastal Program Amendment for Case Nos. 24RZN-00002 and 24ORD-00008 to amend Division 4, Zoning Districts, Division 7, General Regulations, and the County Zoning Map of Article II, the Coastal Zoning Ordinance, of Chapter 35, Zoning, of the Santa Barbara County Code, to implement programs 1, 2, and 3 of the Santa Barabra County 2023-2031 Housing Element Update and to rezone certain parcels or portions of parcels to accommodate the 2023-2031 regional housing needs allocation plus the 15 percent buffer for lower- and moderate-income households.

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Guidelines Sections 15265 and 15162

Reasons to support exemption findings: The following provides a brief discussion of the proposed amendment and why it would be exempt from CEQA. Additional details regarding the

proposed amendments are included in the County Board of Supervisors Board Agenda Letter, dated January 27, 2026.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15265 statutorily exempts local government activities involving the preparation and adoption of local coastal program amendments from environmental review. The proposed Article II amendment affects portions of the county within the Coastal Zone and constitutes an amendment to the County's Local Coastal Program. Therefore, the proposed Article II amendment is statutorily exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15265.

Additionally, CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 states that no further environmental review is required when a project has been previously analyzed in an Environmental Impact Report and there are no substantial changes to the project, no new significant effects, and no new information showing that impacts would be more severe than previously identified. The Board of Supervisors certified the Program EIR for the 2023-2031 Housing Element Update on May 3, 2024, which analyzed the Housing Element rezone amendments, including the sites within the Coastal Zone. The acceptance of the Coastal Commission's suggested modifications does not change the scope of the project or introduce new impacts; therefore, the certified EIR remains sufficient, and the current action is exempt from further environmental review under CEQA.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Lila Spring

Phone #: (805) 568-2021

Department/Division Representative: Lila Spring

Date: 01/13/2026

Acceptance Date: 1-27-26

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff

Date Filed by County Clerk: 2-17-26



2026 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

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<p>Complete this form when filing a Notice of Determination (Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental Impact Report) or Notice of Exemption.</p> <p>A scanned copy of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Receipt, Transmittal Memorandum and the CEQA filing, including the date/time of posting will be emailed to the Lead Agency and Project Applicant. If you would like a return copy, please submit an extra copy along with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.</p>			
Contact Person Lila Spring		Phone 805-568-2021	
Lead Agency County of Santa Barbara - Planning and Development Department		Lead Agency Email springl@countyofsb.org	
Project Title California Coastal Commission Conditional Certification of the Local Coastal Program Amendment for Rezones			
Project Applicant N/A	Email	Phone	
Project Applicant Address N/A	City	State	Zip

DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - 2026 Filing Fee\$4,227.50
 - Previously Paid (must attach receipt) \$0.00
 - No Effect Determination (must be attached)..... \$0.00
- Environmental Filing Fees will be collected *only* for projects that are approved. The Applicant must attest to the following:
- This project has been approved. Date of Approval:

- Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).....
 - 2026 Filing Fee \$3,043.75
 - Previously Paid (must attach receipt) \$0.00
 - No Effect Determination (must be attached)..... \$0.00
- Environmental Filing Fees will be collected *only* for projects that are approved. The Applicant must attest to the following:
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- Notice of Exemption.....\$0.00
- County Administrative Handling Fee (required for all filings, effective 7/19/18)\$50.00

TOTAL: \$ 50.00

PAYMENT METHOD: ALL APPLICABLE FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF FILING

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2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
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RECEIPT NUMBER:
42 — 02/17/2026 — 036
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL springl@countyofsb.org	DATE 02/17/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara		DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE

California Coastal Commission Conditional Certification of the Local Coastal Program Amendment for Rezones

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Same as Lead Agency	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (805) 568-2021
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE
		ZIP CODE

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,227.50	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$3,043.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,437.25	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash Credit Check Other

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SIGNATURE X <i>Katherine Douglas</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Katherine Douglas, Deputy Clerk
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