

Attachment E

Notice of Exemption

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

FROM: Michael Soderman, Chief Financial and Administrative Office (on behalf of Joyce E. Dudley, District Attorney)

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(s): N/A **Case No.:** N/A

Location: County of Santa Barbara

Project Title: California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Electronic Suspected Child Abuse Reporting System (E-SCARS) Program.

Project Description: The E-SCARS Grant Program is funded by Cal OES, and has been awarded to the District Attorney’s Office for the development and implementation of a secure, web-based application that will be used by multidisciplinary agencies to electronically cross-report, investigate, and track allegations of child abuse, neglect, or endangerment in Santa Barbara County.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Not a Project: Section 15378(b)(4)
- Other

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15378(b)(4); the actions are not a project as they are the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The Santa Barbara County Office of the District Attorney has applied for and been awarded grant funding for the E-SCARS program. The District Attorney is requesting that the Board ratify the grant agreement, and adopt a Position Resolution adding one fully-grant funded EDP Systems and Programming Specialist Senior position to provide initial system implementation and continued program support. The ultimate goal of E-SCARS is to close the gaps caused by the current manual system to better protect the children of Santa Barbara County.



Michael Soderman, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer
Department/Division Representative

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Date

Acceptance Date (date of final action on project): _____

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