

# **Attachment 3**

## **Notice of Exemption**

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

**FROM: General Services Department**

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):** 111- 291-035, 111-291-036, 111-291-037, 111-291-038, 111-291-041, and 111-291-042

**LOCATION:** 2936 Industrial Parkway, Santa Maria, California

**PROJECT TITLE:** SEMCO Environmental Consultant Contract

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed action is seeking Board approval of a contract with an Environmental Consultant to perform actions necessary to comply with Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R3-2023-0070 issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board – Central Coast Region for 2936 Industrial Parkway, Santa Maria, California.

**EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)**

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption [Section 15301, 15304, 15306, 15309]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** Section 15301 Existing Facilities, 15304 Minor Alterations to Land, 15306 Information Collection, 15309 Inspections

**Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):**

The proposed action is exempt from environmental review pursuant to 15301 Class 1 which consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Here, this project involves minor alteration of facilities, involving no expansion of existing or former use, including environmental site assessments and investigations.

The proposed action is exempt from environmental review pursuant to 15304, Minor Alterations to Land which consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation as the project will perform environmental site assessments and investigations, risk assessments, and groundwater monitoring.

The proposed action is exempt from environmental review pursuant to 15306, which involves basic environmental data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. This project will gather data for information gathering purposes, as part of a study which will eventually result in an action which the County of Santa Barbara has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

The proposed action is exempt from environmental review pursuant to 15309, which involves activities limited entirely to inspections, to check for performance of an operation, or quality, health, or safety of a project. In this case, the project will inspect the site and provide comment and direction on existing data, data gaps, and additional investigations necessary to fully delineate the site.

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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.

Distribution: Board of Supervisors

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Date filed with Clerk of Board

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