

ATTACHMENT B: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Katie Hentrich, Planning and Development

The project 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: N/A **Case No.:** 14GPA-00000-00017 **Location:** Countywide

Project Title: Safety Element Fire Hazards Update

Project Description: In order to address fire protection and prevention, Senate Bill 1241 (SB 1241) requires jurisdictions to update the Seismic and Safety Element (Safety Element) with new information regarding fire hazards. The Safety Element amendment will include updated historical data (such as the number of fires and recorded fire size distribution) and updated citations for documents that were updated since the last Safety Element Update. The amendment does not authorize or lead to any development. The Safety Element update will ensure that the County has a set of feasible implementation goals designed to continue to carry out the existing fire protection policies within the Safety Element.

Name of Person or Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County Planning and Development

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency
- No Possibility of Significant Effect (CEQA Section 15061(b)(3))

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Section 15061(b)(3) states that “the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA”.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The Safety Element Fire Hazards update is a research-based update that has no significant effect on the environment. Any projects that occur as a result of this update will be subject to compliance with CEQA. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this project may have a significant effect on the environment.

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Department/Division Representative: _____ Date: _____

Acceptance Date: _____

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