

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**FROM: Department of Public Works – Surveyor’s Office**  
(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, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

**APN(s):** N/A      **Case No.:** County Project No. 862361 & 862362

**LOCATION:** 105 East Anapamu Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Board of Supervisors Hearing Room

**PROJECT TITLE:** Contract amendment for the Refugio Road Low Water Crossings No.1 and 2 New Bridge Projects.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Request for the Board of Supervisors to authorize the Chair of the Board to approve and execute a construction contract Amendment No.1 to the Contract with West Consultants, Inc., located at 11440 West Bernardo Court, Suite 360, San Diego, California for Hydrology and Hydraulic services for Refugio Road Low Water Crossings 1 and 2 to extend the term for an additional 4-year time period. The original contract executed on February 17, 2015 and is set to end on June 30, 2016. Contract Amendment No.1 extends the time period to June 30, 2020 which is four years from the original contract end date. The project has suffered major time delays due to ROW issues with Refugio Road. As the project moves forward the hydraulics of proposed bridge types will have to be analyzed to determine impacts on high flows.

**EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)**

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15301(c)]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b, 3)]
- Not a Project [Sec. 15378(b, 5)]

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** Section 15378 project means the whole of an action, which has the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect change, and that is any of the following: (b), Project does not include:(5) Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

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

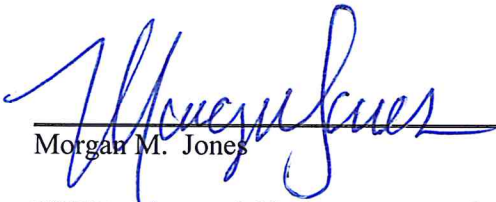
The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is the responsible agency to execute a construction contract amendment with West Consultants Inc. for Hydrology and Hydraulic services and to extend the term of the contract for an additional 4-year time period. The execution of the contract amendment is an administrative activity and is not a project by definition. The term project refers to the activity which is being approved and which may be subject to several discretionary approvals by governmental agencies. The term project does not mean each separate governmental approval. Further, the execution of the contract will not create any unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect.

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Acceptance Date: **June 21, 2016**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



May 31, 2016

Morgan M. Jones

Date

**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.

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