

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.:** Project No.862382

LOCATION: 105 East Anapamu Street, 4th Floor Board of Supervisors Hearing Room

PROJECT TITLE: Amendment to the Professional Services Contract (BC 17239) for the Phase II Cultural Resource Study for the Hollister Avenue/State Street Improvements Project

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Approve and authorize the Chair to amend professional services contract, BC 17239, for further implementation of the Phase II Cultural Resource Study with Rincon Consulting, Inc. (a local vendor), 209 East Victoria Street, Suite B, Santa Barbara, California 93101, in the amount of \$24,410, for the Hollister Avenue/State Street Improvements Project, Federal Project No. HPLUL-5951(158). During the execution of the Phase II Cultural Resource Study intact subsurface cultural deposits were discovered which require additional excavation to recover the all deposits outside of the original footprint. To recover any additional cultural deposits Rincon will expand the area by adding testing locations. This additional effort is required by the Federal Highway Administration to determine whether the project will have an adverse effect on historic properties under the National Historic Preservation Act or a significant impact to historical resources under the California Environmental Quality Act.

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 amend a professional services contract with Rincon Consulting, Inc. The amendment of the professional services contract 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 5, 2018**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



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April 18, 2018

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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