

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Agricultural Commissioner's Office

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: \_\_\_N/A\_\_\_\_\_ Case No.: \_\_\_N/A\_\_\_\_\_

Location: Throughout the County of Santa Barbara.

Project Title: Sudden Oak Death Agreement No. 15-0387-SF

Project Applicant: Santa Barbara County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

Project Description: This is an agreement with the Department of Food and Agriculture for the funding of the Sudden Oak Death program for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Barbara County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

Exempt Status: (Check one)

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

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15378(b)(4)- Creation of government funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project is to create a government funding mechanism which would provide reimbursement for cost of continuing activities in the existing Sudden Oak Death program.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Cathleen Fisher Phone #: 805-681-5600

Department/Division Representative: Stephanie Stark Signature:

Date: July 20, 2015

Acceptance Date (date of final action on project): Stephanie Stark

*Note: A copy of this form must be posted at Planning and Development six days prior to a decision on the project. Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days.*

Date Filed by County Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_.