NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Community Services Department

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(s): N/A **Case No.:** N/A

Location: Santa Barbary County

Project Title: State of California Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program

Project Description: Acceptance of the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (State HCD) designation of the County as the Administrative Entity (AE) for the service area covered by the Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County Continuum of Care, which geographically encompasses Santa Barbara County. The State HCD receives an annual allocation of ESG Program funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in eligible areas throughout the state. Starting with the 2016 operating year, State HCD intends to distribute ESG funds to metropolitan cities and urban counties that receive their own allocations of ESG funds from HUD like the County of Santa Barbara. Such cities and counties would be responsible for administering State of California ESG (State ESG) funds for the service areas covered by their respective Continuums of Care.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- ☐ Ministerial
- ☐ Statutory
- ☐ Categorical Exemption
- ☐ Emergency Project
- ☐ No Possibility of Significant Effect [§15061(b,3)]
- ☒ Other

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15378(b)(5)

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

Acceptance of a designation as an administrative entity for distribution of federal funds does not constitute a project under CEQA as the action involves administrative activities of governments which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Department/Division Representative _____ Date April 18, 2016

Jill Van Wie

Note: A copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days.

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Date File of Counter Clerks