

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department of Public Works – Transportation Division
(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): 093-111-019

Case No.: Real Property File No. R-352

LOCATION: Portion of Bodger Road located on APN 093-111-019.

PROJECT TITLE: Bodger Road vacation of right of vehicular access, transfer of maintenance responsibility

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The subject portion of Bodger Road is located on APN 093-111-019 as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto (herein the "Portion"). The Portion was blocked to public vehicle traffic some years ago to prevent littering and vandalism. The County intends to formally vacate the right of public vehicular access, and remove the Portion from the maintained road system. The County will retain a recreational trail easement and the right to install or allow the installation of public utilities in the Portion. The Portion will be maintained by the Santa Barbara County Parks Department.

EXEMPT STATUS :( Check One)

- \_\_\_ Ministerial
\_\_\_ Statutory
[X] Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15301]
\_\_\_ Emergency Project
\_\_\_ No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b,3)]

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15301(c) Existing Facilities – "...consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including but not limited to...(c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), except where the activity will involve removal of a scenic resource including a stand of trees, a rock outcropping, or an historic building.

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary): The County's proposed vacation of the right of vehicular access on the Portion is a minor alteration of the existing roadway and is therefore contemplated under CEQA section 15301(c). The vacation of the right of vehicular access will relieve the County of current and future pavement maintenance, and will have no impact on the current public use. Santa Barbara County Parks Department will take over maintenance of the right-of-way as a recreational public trail.

Mungua Suarez
Department Representative
11/19/10
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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