

## 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): N/A      Case No.: 18104C**

**LOCATION:** On East Mountain Drive in the First Supervisorial District

**PROJECT TITLE:** East Mountain Drive Rockfall Attenuator

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project consists of two requests of the Board of Supervisors to 1) Request approval and execution of the License Agreement with the City of Santa Barbara and 2) Authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise the Project. The project proposes to construct a rockfall attenuator system along the slope as well as a flexible rockfall barrier at the roadway. The combination of these two installations will reduce the potential rockfall hazard to the travelling public at the project site. The rockfall attenuator system will have an elevated entrance to capture the majority of rockfall from the unstable slope high above the roadway and allow for ease of clean-up and repairs to the system. The flexible rockfall barrier acts as a catchment for all rockfall caught in the attenuator system, as well as a secondary barrier should the slope sustain a large magnitude rockfall event. Approximately 84 linear feet of existing roadway embankment will be protected by this system, which is the width of the current rockfall chute. This exemption considers all further administrative activities for this project such as Award of Contract and the Statement of Final Quantities.

**EXEMPT STATUS : (Check One)**

- Ministerial
- Statutory [Sec. 15269]
- Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15301]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b, 3)]

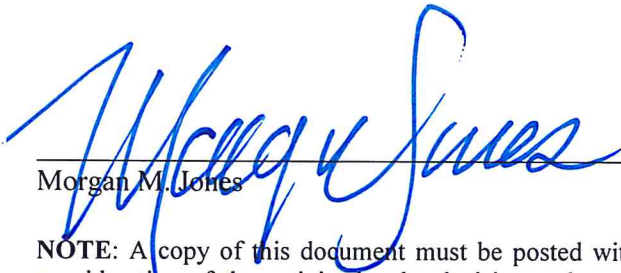
**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** 15269. Emergency Projects, (d) Projects undertaken, carried out, or approved by a public agency to maintain, repair, or restore an existing highway damaged by fire, flood, storm, earthquake, land subsidence, gradual earth movement, or landslide, provided that the project is initiated within one year of the damage occurring. This exemption does not apply to highways designated as official state scenic highways, nor any project undertaken, carried out, or approved by a public agency to expand or widen a highway damaged by fire, flood, storm, earthquake, land subsidence, gradual earth movement, or landslide.

**Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):** The exemption from CEQA is granted by the Legislature by Statute as the following emergency projects are exempt from the requirements of CEQA. Projects undertaken, carried out, or approved by a public agency to maintain, repair, or restore an existing highway damaged by fire, flood, storm, earthquake, land subsidence, gradual earth movement, or landslide, provided that the project is initiated within one year of the damage occurring. Therefore, the project is contemplated by the CEQA exemption under section 15269. Further, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect.

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Acceptance Date: **November 6, 2018**  
Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



August 31, 2018

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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