

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Sharon Friedrichsen, Housing and Community Development

The 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.

**Title:** Execution of an emPowerSBC Santa Barbara County Residential Energy Efficiency Loan Program: Program Agreement and emPowerSBC Santa Barbara County Residential Energy Efficiency Loan Program: Energy Efficiency Loan Loss Reserve Agreement and implementation of a program consistent with the above agreements.

**Description:** The agreements implement a financing program to provide loans to private property owners to cover the upfront project costs of energy and water efficiency enhancements and retrofits.

**Name of Public Agency:** County of Santa Barbara

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** CEQA Guidelines section 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3).

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** The Agreements are exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15060(c)(3) [activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378(b)(4)]. The agreements implement the creation of a governmental funding mechanism or fiscal activity which does not involve any commitment to a specific that may result in a potentially significant impact on the physical environment. All work performed with loan proceeds under the program will be subject to applicable permitting and environmental review requirements.

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**Acceptance Date:**

**Date Filed by County Clerk:**