

Attachment C

CEQA Notice of Exemption

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: Amendment to the emPower Residential Energy Improvement Loan Loss Reserve and Program Agreements with CoastHills Federal Credit Union

Project Description: The Amendments enhance the existing financing programs providing loans to private property owners to cover the project costs of energy efficiency enhancements and retrofits. The enhancements include the addition of two new and segregated sources of loan loss reserve credit augmented funding, expansion of the service boundary and loan program improvements designed to increase loan uptake.

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)(4); the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project are not a project.

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

Approval of the amended Agreements does not result in direct physical impacts to the environment. When individual projects and programs contained within these documents proceed to implementation, they may be subject to environmental review under NEPA and/or CEQA for the possible impacts which are unique to that particular project and/or program.

Department/Division Representative *Jill Van Wie* *for Jill Van Wie* Date *4/10/14*
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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