

Fire Department
Santa Barbara County
Board of Supervisors
For Agenda of March 15, 2016

Fire Station 10

Board Letter

Attachment 5

Notice of CEQA Exemption

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Clerk for the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District

FROM: Eric L. Peterson, County Fire Chief

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: City of Goleta

(Include street address and cross street (if urbanized area) or attach specific location map)

Project Title: MOU and Easement Operating Agreement for Fire Station 10 in the City of Goleta

Project Description: Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the MOU and Easement Operating Agreement with the City of Goleta for the design, construction, and operation of Fire Station 10

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara; Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Barbara County Fire Department

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency
- Other

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: Under section 15378, project means the whole of an action, which has the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect change. A project does not include: (4) A government fiscal activity which does not involve any commitment to any specific project; or (5) Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. By approving the Memorandum of Agreement and Easement Operating Agreement, the County is not committing to a project and is simply agreeing to provide collected development fees already designated for Fire Station 10 and to operate Fire Station 10 if the station is built. The City of Goleta is the lead agency for CEQA and will obtain required permits and conduct environmental review under CEQA in conjunction with issuance of permits.

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

Lead Agency Contact Person: Eric L. Peterson  Phone #: 805.681.5500

Department/Division Representative: Eric L. Peterson Date: March 1, 2016

Acceptance Date: _____

Note: A copy of this form must be posted 6 days prior to a decision on the project. Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a thirty five day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

Date Filed by County Clerk