

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**FROM:** General Services/Facilities

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** N/A

**LOCATION** N/A

**PROJECT TITLE** American Solar Transformation Initiative (ASTI) Municipal Agency Participation

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION** American Solar Transformation Initiative (ASTI) Municipal Agency Participation; the County gains access to a variety of free services that aim to make solar technology more accessible, thereby accelerating the County's progress towards existing Board adopted priorities. These services include technical assistance and a customized online "Solar Roadmap," which helps municipalities use national best practices and take actionable steps to increase installations of solar systems.

## EXEMPT STATUS :( Check One)

Ministerial

Statutory

Categorical Exemption (Not a Project)

Emergency Project

No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061 (b,3)].

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section CEQA Guidelines §15378(b)5

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

Executing the American Solar Transformation Initiative (ASTI) Municipal Agency Participation Form will not in any substantive manner result in any direct or indirect physical change to the environment or cause any significant environmental effects. The American Solar Transformation Initiative (ASTI) Municipal Agency program involves administrative activities of the government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)5 exempts activities from CEQA "Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment."

Department/Division Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** A copy must be posted DERC 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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