

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mark A. Hartwig, Fire Chief

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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.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APN: n/a Case No.: n/a

Location: Santa Barbara County

Project Title: Gaviota Coast Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Project Applicant: Santa Barbara County Fire Department

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

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

Exempt Status: (Check one)


- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Not A Project

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

Reasons to support exemption findings: The Gaviota Coast Community Wildfire Protection Plan (GC CWPP) is an educational and visioning document that describes broad fire hazard mitigation strategies that could have the potential to improve fire protection within the plan area. Adoption of the Plan is an organizational and administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Approval of the GC CWPP does not:

- Commit any signing party or anyone to carrying out, funding, or issuing a permit for any specific project or activity;
- Require implementation of any of the recommendations within the GC CWPP; or
- Remove any permit requirement, environmental review requirement, or other legal requirement applicable to any project or activity on either private lands or public lands.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Chief Mark A. Hartwig 

Phone #: 805-681-5507

Date: January 26, 2023

Acceptance Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Filed by County Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2023 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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(805) 568-2240

Complete this form when filing a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental Impact Report or Notice of Exemption.

You will need to submit one original for posting plus one copy for the Department of Fish & Wildlife. A scanned copy including the date/time of posting will be emailed to the Lead Agency and Project Applicant. If you would like a return copy, please submit an extra copy along with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

Contact Person <b>Robert Hazard</b>		Phone <b>805-896-6402</b>	
Lead Agency <b>Santa Barbara County Fire Dept.</b>		Lead Agency Email <b>rhazard@countyofsb.org</b>	
Project Title <b>Gaviota Coast CWPP</b>			
Project Applicant <b>Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council</b>	Email <b>sbfiresafecouncil@gmail.com</b>	Phone <b>805-403-7277</b>	
Project Applicant Address <b>PO Box 31052</b>	City <b>Santa Barbara</b>	State <b>CA</b>	Zip <b>93130</b>

### DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

Environmental Impact Report (EIR) .....

2023 Filing Fee .....\$3,839.25

Previously Paid (must attach receipt) ..... \$0.00

No Effect Determination (must be attached)..... \$0.00

Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration .....

2023 Filing Fee .....\$2,764.00

Previously Paid (must attach receipt) ..... \$0.00

No Effect Determination (must be attached)..... \$0.00

Notice of Exemption ..... \$0.00

County Administrative Handling Fee (required for all filings, effective 7/19/18) ..... \$50.00

TOTAL: \$ 50.00

### PAYMENT METHOD: ALL APPLICABLE FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF FILING

Cash     Credit Card     Check # \_\_\_\_\_     Journal Entry # 0244090

(in person only)



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2023 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/23) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 42 — 02/08/2023 — 018  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY Santa Barbara County Fire Dept.	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL rhazard@countyofsb.org	DATE 02/08/2023
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE  
 Gaviota Coast CWPP

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL sbfiresafecouncil@gmail.com	PHONE NUMBER (805) 403-7277
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS PO Box 31052	CITY Santa Barbara	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93130

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency     School District     Other Special District     State Agency     Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$3,839.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00
  - Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,764.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00
  - Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,305.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00
  - Exempt from fee
    - Notice of Exemption (attach)
    - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
  - Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)
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- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00
  - County documentary handling fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 50.00
  - Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash     Credit     Check     Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 50.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Brianda Negrete, Deputy Clerk
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**NOTICE**

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

**COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE**

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

**COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS**

**Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):**

- Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- Mail filing fees for CRP document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a **No Effect Determination** signed by CDFW, also:

- Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

**Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) (Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))**

- Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

**Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected**, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

**The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:**

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- ✓ A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- ✓ A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
- ✓ A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

**DOCUMENT RETENTION**

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

**RECEIPT NUMBER**

- # The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
- # The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
- # The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

**DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.**

**Mail to:**

California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
 Accounting Services Branch  
 P.O. Box 944209  
 Sacramento, California 94244-2090