

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Department – Office of Real Estate Services

(Lead Department/Division)

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): 113-160-004

Case No.: 003626

LOCATION: 105 East Anapamu Street, 4th Floor Board of Supervisors Hearing Room

PROJECT TITLE: SB County Tognazzini Property Acquisition – Point Sal Area

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The County of Santa Barbara proposes to acquire APN: 113-160-004 from the San Luis Obispo Land Conservancy through an ownership transfer. The purpose of the transfer would be to add approximately 200 acres of land, commonly known as the Tognazzini property, to the County's existing 630 acres Point Sal Reserve Management Area.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

Ministerial

Statutory

Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15325 (f)]


Emergency Project

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

Applicable CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15325 Class 25 consists of the transfer of ownership of interest in land in order to preserve open space, habitat, or historical resources: (f) acquisition, sale, or other transfer to preserve open space or lands for park purposes.

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary): The County of Santa Barbara's acquisition of land in the Point Sal area is recognized for its unique biological, cultural, scenic and open space values. The primary objective of acquiring the Tognazzini property in the geographic boundaries of the Point Sal area is to ensure the protection of these superlative natural resources.

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NOTE: A copy of this document must be posted with the County's Planning & Development Department 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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