

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Heather Imgrund, Planning & Development

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: N/A

Case No.: N/A

Location: Unincorporated County of Santa Barbara

Project Title: Climate Action Study

Project Description: The Climate Action Study (Study) includes:

- a GHG inventory and forecast for the unincorporated County,
- a discussion of GHG emission reduction target options that the County could pursue,
- a list of current County activities which reduce GHG emissions,
- evaluation of potential additional emission reduction measures (ERMs) the County could implement, and
- recommendations for implementation of the Study through a Climate Action Plan (CAP).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Heather Imgrund

Exempt Status: (Check one)

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

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies

Reasons to support exemption findings: The Climate Action Study is a planning study which provides baseline information, through the GHG emissions inventory and forecast and list of current GHG reducing activities, and outlines possible actions the County could take in the future to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Study does not adopt any policy or put in place any action which would cause a physical change to the environment. Whether the Study is

implemented through the development of a Climate Action Plan will be determined by future action of County decision makers. If any measures considered by the Study are implemented through a Climate Action Plan, a separate analysis of potential environmental impacts pursuant to CEQA will be performed on the Climate Action Plan.

There is no substantial evidence that there are unusual circumstances (including future activities) resulting in (or which might reasonably result in) significant impacts which threaten the environment.

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Department/Division Representative: _____ Date: _____

Acceptance Date: _____

distribution: Hearing Support Staff

Project file (when P&D permit is required)

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____.