

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Department/Support Services 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) 141-460-011

Case No. Real Property File No. 003688

LOCATION: 195 North Refugio Road, Santa Ynez, California

PROJECT TITLE: Sheriff Equestrian Training Facility at Santa Ynez Valley Equestrian Association

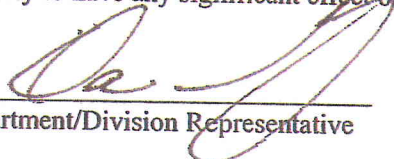
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed action is to execute a Lease Agreement with the Santa Ynez Valley Equestrian Association (SYVEA) to allow the Sheriff's Department to install and operate an equestrian training facility for twenty (20) years at the existing SYVEA facility. The existing SYVEA facility consists of a multi-use equestrian show and training facility improved with various arenas and pens, horse stables, cattle facilities, a rodeo arena, two horse show offices, and a dirt parking lot.


EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption [Section 15301]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15301, Existing Facilities

Reasons to support exemption findings: As set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15301 of the California Code of Regulations provides an exemption for the "operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination." The proposed action involves the leasing of the existing facility by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol Unit involving negligible expansion of the existing use for equestrian purposes; therefore, this action is not likely to have any significant effect on the environment.


 Department/Division Representative


 Date

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