NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: <u>Department of Public Works – Transportation Division</u>
(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.

Project No. Parcel Map No. 14,766 **APN(s):** 105-092-017

LOCATION: 156 South Broadway, Orcutt, CA.

PROJECT TITLE: Acceptance of Public Utility Easement by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Santa Barbara County Surveyor's Office is reviewing Parcel Map No. 14,766 regarding 156 South Broadway (herein the "Property") which Property is located in the township of Orcutt on the corner of South Broadway and Union Avenue in the Fourth Supervisorial District. If recorded the above Map will split the Property into two legal parcels and will grant to the County a three foot (3') wide public utility easement. The proposed public utility easement is located along the western edge of the proposed "Parcel 2" as shown on the Parcel Map. The acceptance of the utility easement will not be consummated until the subject parcel map is recorded. Prior to recordation the County Surveyor will be satisfied that the subject parcel map is technically correct, conforms to the approved Tentative Parcel Map (or approved alterations thereto), and complies with all applicable laws and regulations.

EXE	MPT STATUS: (Check One)
	Ministerial
	Statutory
	X Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15378(b, 2)]
	Emergency Project
	No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b, 3)]

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15378 project means the whole of an action, which has the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect change, and that is any of the following: (b), Project does not include: (2) Continuing administrative or maintenance activities, such as purchases for supplies, personal-related actions, general policy and procedure making...

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):
The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is the responsible agency regarding the acceptance of a public utility easement for a project that was previously approved under CEQA by the Santa Barbara County Zoning Administrator. The Board's acceptance of the easement is not a project by definition. The term "project" refers to the activity which is being approved and which may be subject to several discretionary approvals by governmental agencies; it does not mean each separate governmental approval. Further, acceptance of the easement will not create any unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect.

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neering Environmental Planner
February 27, 2012 Date
Planning & Development Department at least 6 days prior to County CEQA guidelines and a copy must be filed with the le of limitations on legal challenges.