

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works Department

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.

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APN(s) : Various Case No: Not Applicable

Location: Montecito Community Plan area in the First Supervisorial District

Project Title: Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase 2

Project Description:

The Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase 2 is a continuation of the Phase 1 plan, focusing on research and development of strategies to improve flood conveyance and debris management for the Montecito area. The Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase 2 involves further data collection, survey, alternatives analysis, and developing concepts for improvements in the lower San Ysidro Creek, which was highlighted in the Phase 1 plan as an area for further investigation. The Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase 2 is a feasibility and planning study and includes data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities.

The above action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Article 18, Statutory Exemptions Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies and CEQA Article 19, Categorical Exemption, Section 15306 (Class 6) Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara Flood Control District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Santa Barbara Flood Control District

Division

Exempt Status: (Check one)

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

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:

CEQA Article 18, Statutory Exemptions Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies and CEQA Article 19, Categorical Exemption, Section 15306 (Class 6) Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities.

Reasons to support exemption findings:

The Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase 2 is a data and information gathering tool in support of developing a strategy for stream improvements, flood conveyance and debris management. The Board has not approved, funded, or adopted any future actions as this study is for planning and evaluation purposes only. The Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase 2 does not result in a disturbance to any environmental resource. Therefore, the above listed exemptions apply to this action.

Should the District in the future pursue any specific creek improvement activity identified in the Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase 2, that activity will undergo separate environmental review consistent

with the requirements of CEQA. The potential environmental impact of any future activity would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The exceptions to the categorical exemptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines are:

- (a) **Cumulative Impact.** All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

The Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase 2 does not result in a disturbance to any environmental resource; therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (b) **Significant Effect.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

The Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase 2 does not result in a disturbance to any environmental resource. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (c) **Scenic Highways.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.

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- (d) **Hazardous Waste Sites.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

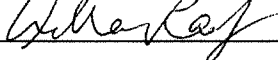
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- (e) **Historical Resources.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase 2 does not result in a disturbance to any environmental resource; therefore, this exception does not apply

Lead Agency Contact Person: Andrew Raaf Phone #: (805) 722-7250

Department/Division Representative: Andrew Raaf Date: January 30, 2026

Signature: 

Acceptance Date: _____

Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a 35-day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

4-8-2026

Date Filed by County Clerk

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02/02/2026 for \$50.00 by CINDY GONZALEZ



For JE-1075341 - County of Santa Barbara California - 02/02/2026 - CEQA FEE-MONTECITO FC MASTER PLAN, PHASE 2
 Overall Process Journal: JE-1075341 on 02/02/2026 for \$50.00 by CINDY GONZALEZ
 Overall Status In Progress
 Due Date 02/04/2026
 Calendar In Use Consecutive Days (No Calendars Selected)

Details

Journal Entry View

Journal JE-1075341 - County of Santa Barbara California - 02/02/2026 - CEQA FEE-MONTECITO FC MASTER PLAN, PHASE 2

Journal Number JE-1075341
 Status Reserved
 Event In Progress Accounting Journal
 Budget Check Status Pass

Journal Entry Information

Originated by CINDY GONZALEZ
 Accounting Date 02/02/2026
 Currency USD
 Period Feb-FY 2025-26 Actuals (County of Santa Barbara California)
 Ledger County of Santa Barbara California : Actuals
 Journal Source Manual Journal
 Balancing Fund FD-2610 So Coast Flood Zone
 Book Code

Journal Entry Details

Memo CEQA FEE-MONTECITO FC MASTER PLAN, PHASE 2

External Reference ID
 Adjustment Journal No
 Credits Reversed No
 Balanced Yes
 Total As-Entered Ledger Debits 50.00
 Total As-Entered Ledger Credits 50.00

As Entered
 Journal Entry Lines



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In Progress	02/02/2026 11:55:14.186 AM	cgonzalez@countyofsb.org / CINDY GONZALEZ
Reserved	02/02/2026 11:55:16.090 AM	wd-support
Created	02/02/2026 12:00:30.044 PM	cgonzalez@countyofsb.org / CINDY GONZALEZ
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					STEVEN YEE (Cost Center Manager () KIMBERLY RUIZ (Cost Center Manager ()	2	
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Remaining Process							

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2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:
42 — 04/08/2026 — 063

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY County of Santa Barbara Flood Control & Water Conservation District	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL TConti@countyofsb.org	DATE 04/08/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE

Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase 2

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Andrew Raaf	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL ASRAAF@countyofsb.org	PHONE NUMBER (805) 568-3445
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 130 E. Victoria St., Suite 200	CITY Santa Barbara	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93101

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,227.50	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$3,043.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,437.25	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash Credit Check Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X <i>Katherine Douglas</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Katherine Douglas, Deputy Clerk
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