

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department of Public Works – Transportation Division
(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): N/A **Case No.:** 862361 and 862362

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

PROJECT TITLE: First Amendment to Agreement with MNS Engineers, Inc.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Request for the Chair of the Board to approve, authorize and execute the First Amendment to the Agreement with MNS Engineers, Inc. (a local vendor) 201 Calle Cesar Chavez, Suite 300, Santa Barbara, CA 93103, for surveying services for Refugio Road Low Water Crossings 1 and 2. The purpose of the amendment the agreement with MNS Engineers, Inc. is to extend the term of the contract for an additional 4-years to complete surveying services.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b, 3)]
- Not a Project [Sec. 15378(b, 5)]

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: (5) Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment ...

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is the responsible agency to approve, authorize and execute the Amendment to Agreement with MNS Engineers, Inc. The term project refers to the activity which is being approved and which may be subject to several discretionary approvals by governmental agencies. The term project does not mean each separate governmental approval. Further, the agreement with MNS Engineers, Inc. will not create any unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. Therefore, the agreement between MNS Engineers, Inc. and the County of Santa Barbara is not a project it can be found to be exempt from CEQA.

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Acceptance Date: **September 20, 2016**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



Morgan M. Jones

August 4, 2016

Date

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 statue of limitations on legal challenges.

Distribution:

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