

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Department/Support Services 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) 113-160-004

Case No. Real Property File No. 003626

LOCATION: Point Sal, County of Santa Barbara, California. The subject property comprises 199 acres within the approximately 800-acre Point Sal Reserve Management Area. Vandenberg Air Force Base is immediately south of the Reserve.

PROJECT TITLE: Tognazzini Property Acquisition

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: County of Santa Barbara acceptance of grant funding and purchase of 199 acres of undeveloped land (APN 113-160-004) within the approximately 800-acre Point Sal Reserve Management Area for open space and habitat preservation.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption [Section 15325(a)]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section(s): 15325(a): A "Class 25 [exemption] consists of the transfer of ownership of interests in land in order to preserve open space, habitat, or historical resources. Examples include but are not limited to: (a) Acquisition, sale, or other transfer of areas to preserve the existing natural conditions, including plant or animal habitats."

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project involves the acquisition of vacant, undeveloped land in order to preserve open space for plant and animal habitat.



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Department/Division Representative

Date

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