

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Community Services 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.

APN(s): N/A **Case No.:** N/A

Location: 14550 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbary County

Project Title: Baron Ranch Trail Planning, Environmental Document Preparation and Permit Processing

Project Description: The first segment of Baron Ranch Trail, an internal loop within the County owned property, was opened in 2011. Completion of the planning, environmental and permit process for expansion of the trail is needed in order to eventually connect to the National Forest and new trail facilities on County property. The future project scope entails construction of visitor serving facilities including a parking area and vehicle turn-around and bridge improvements.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [§15061(b,3)]
- Other

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15262; Feasibility and Planning Studies, and 15378(b)4; Funding Mechanism

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

Approval of the planning, environmental review and permit processes and funding for such does not result in direct physical impacts to the environment. A project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the Board has not approved, adopted or funded does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Review or Negative Declaration, but does require consideration of environmental factors. When individual projects and programs contained within these documents proceed to implementation, they may be subject to environmental review under NEPA and/or CEQA for possible impacts which are unique to that particular project and/or program.

Department/Division Representative Jill Van Wie Date October 12, 2016
Jill Van Wie

Note: A copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days.

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