

# 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.:** N/A

**LOCATION:** 105 East Anapamu Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Board of Supervisors Hearing Room

**PROJECT TITLE:** Report on Public Safety Enhancement on Railroad Tracks by California Operation Lifesaver, All Supervisorial Districts.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Request of the Board to receive and file a presentation report on California Operation Lifesaver (a 501(c) (3) nonprofit public safety organization) containing an overview of efforts taken to reduce the number of deaths and injuries at highway-rail grade crossing intersections and trespassing at railroad rights-of-way in the State and Santa Barbara County. The proposed actions are administrative and other fiscal activities that do not involve commitment to any specific project.

**EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)**

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

**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 to approve, authorize and file the report on California Operation Lifesaver (a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public safety organization) containing an overview of efforts taken to reduce the number of deaths and injuries at highway-rail grade crossing intersections and trespassing at railroad rights-of-way in Santa Barbara County. 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 report will not create any unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. Therefore, the report for the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors is not a project it can be found to be exempt from CEQA.

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Acceptance Date: **May 3, 2016**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting

  
Morgan M. Jones

April 21, 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 statute of limitations on legal challenges.

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