

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Department/Support Services 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) 145-160-072 (Ptn)

Case No. Real Property File No. 002511

LOCATION: Within the boundaries of the Cachuma Lake Recreational Area, in United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation lands managed by the County of Santa Barbara pursuant to the Management Agreement dated March 14th, 2012.

PROJECT TITLE: The Neal Taylor Nature Center at Cachuma Lake License Agreement.

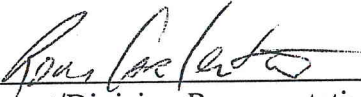
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed action is to renew an existing License Agreement to The Neal Taylor Nature Center at Cachuma Lake for the purpose of continuing the operation and maintenance of the interpretive nature center program at the Cachuma Recreational Area for a period of up to twenty-five 25 years.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption [Section 15301]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect

Site specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15301 Existing Facilities

Reasons to support exemption findings: The proposed action is to renew an existing license agreement authorizing the continued operation of an interpretive nature center at the Cachuma Recreational Area that does not involve any physical changes, and therefore, have no potential to have any effect on the environment. As defined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, Section 15301 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. All of the activities contemplated in the new license agreement are part of the current activities and no expansion of an existing use and therefore, the categorical exemption stated above is applicable for the proposed action and satisfies the requirements of CEQA.


Department/Division Representative

8.1.12
Date

NOTE: A copy of this document must be posted with the County's Planning and 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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