

# **ATTACHMENT C**

## **CEQA Notice of Exemption**

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**TO:** Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Mark A. Hartwig, Fire Chief

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:** n/a      **Case No.:** n/a

**Location:** Santa Barbara County

**Project Title:** Santa Barbara Foothill Community Wildfire Protection Plan and Transportation Study

**Project Applicant:** Santa Barbara County Fire Department

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Santa Barbara County Fire Department

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

- ☐ Ministerial
- ☐ Statutory Exemption
- ☐ Categorical Exemption
- ☐ Emergency Project
- ☒ Not A Project

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** The Santa Barbara Foothill Community Wildfire Protection Plan and Transportation Study (SBF CWPP) is an educational and visioning document that describes broad fire hazard mitigation strategies that could have the potential to improve fire protection and makes access and egress recommendations within the plan area. Adoption of the Plan is an organizational and administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Approval of the SBF CWPP does not:

- Commit any signing party or anyone to carrying out, funding, or issuing a permit for any specific project or activity;
- Require implementation of any of the recommendations within the SBF CWPP; or
- Remove any permit requirement, environmental review requirement, or other legal requirement applicable to any project or activity on either private lands or public lands.

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Date: January May 20, 2025

Acceptance Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Filed by County Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_.