

Attachment B
CEQA Notice of Exemption

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rob Heckman, Deputy 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: Countywide **Case No.:** State Responsibility Area Contract

Location: Countywide

Project Title: Agreement with the State of California for fire protection to State Responsibility Area (SRA) Lands

Project Description: A contract with the State of California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) for fire protection services to State Responsibility Areas (SRA) for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 in the amount not to exceed \$37,177,304.

Project Applicant: Santa Barbara County Fire Department

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

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

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency
- No Possibility of Significant Effect (CEQA Section 15061(b)(3))

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Section 15301(h) - maintenance of native growth and Section 15304(i) - fuel management activities.

Reasons to support exemption findings: CAL FIRE is responsible for fire protection within State Responsibility Areas (SRA). Under this contract, County Fire agrees to provide fire protection to the SRA on behalf of CAL FIRE.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Eric Peterson Phone #: 805-681-5500

Date: September 12, 2017

Acceptance Date: _____

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____.