

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: Santa Barbara/Goleta

Project Title: First Amendment to the Countywide Library Agreement and Update on the Formation of a Municipal Library

Project Description: The County of Santa Barbara annually contracts with the municipal libraries of Santa Barbara, Lompoc, and Santa Maria to manage libraries located within three designated geographic zones in the County. Each zone includes both cities and unincorporated County areas. On August 22, 2017 the Board of Supervisors approved the original contract in the amount of \$3,665,338. The first amendment to that contract increases the total contract amount by \$162,000 to maintain status quo library hours and programming.

The County of Santa Barbara contracts with the municipal libraries of Santa Barbara, Lompoc, and Santa Maria to manage libraries within three designated zones in the County. The City of Santa Barbara, administrator of Zone 1 libraries, currently manages the Goleta Library. At its August 15, 2017 City Council meeting the City of Goleta formally voted to pursue the formation of a municipal library in order to provide library services to City of Goleta residents and neighboring communities and begin discussions with the County to form an additional library service zone administered by the newly formed Goleta library. Their proposed service population would be approximately 94,000 people representing Goleta city residents, unincorporated County Service Area 3 (CSA3), Isla Vista, Hope Ranch, and communities west of Goleta up to the Gaviota Coast. The Goleta City Council established an ad hoc committee that has been working on their municipal library formation and who would interface with the County in this formation process. County staff is actively engaged and working with the two cities, Goleta and Santa Barbara, regarding discussions and negotiations and will continue to provide updates to the Board as needed.

Exempt Status:

Other

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Sections: 15378(b)(4) and 15378(b)(5)

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

Approval of an amendment to a funding agreement involves the creation of a government funding mechanism(s) or other government fiscal activity(ies) which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

An informational update on library municipalities is an organizational or administrative action and has no direct physical impact on the environment.

Department/Division Representative Jill Van Wie
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Date October 30, 2017

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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