

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department of Public Works/Engineering 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 (Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 et seq.), as defined in the State CEQA Guidelines and County Revised CEQA Guidelines.

APN(s) Project No. 900900

LOCATION Various locations within Hope Ranch Road Right of Way

PROJECT TITLE Ordinance amending Chapter 23 of the Santa Barbara County Code

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

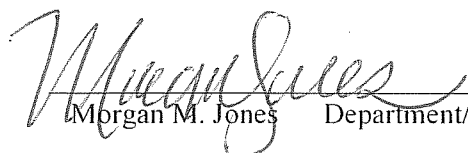
The Public Works Department proposes the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 23 of the Santa Barbara County Code allowing for the ability to enforce the Vehicle Code on private roads in Hope Ranch. The Hope Ranch Park Homes Association (HRPHA) Board of Directors provided a certified Resolution requesting that the County Board of Supervisors adopt an ordinance permitting the enforcement of the California Vehicle Code on the private roads in Hope Ranch. After adoption of the Ordinance the Director of Public Works or his designee shall inspect the traffic control devices on the private roads in Hope Ranch that are designated as enforceable. Once the Director has accepted the traffic control devices he will notify the HRPHA and the California Highway Patrol. After which an agreement for enforcement of the Vehicle Code on the private roads in the Hope Ranch will be between the HRPHA and the California Highway Patrol.

EXEMPT STATUS:(Check One)

- ☐ Ministerial
☐ Statutory
☒ X Categorical Exemption
☐ Emergency Project
☐ No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061 (b,3)].

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section 15301 (c) Existing Facilities – "...consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including but not limited to:...(c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), except where the activity will involve removal of a scenic resource including a stand of trees, a rock outcropping, or an historic building.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project is the adoption of an Ordinance which amends Chapter 23 of the Santa Barbara Vehicle Code on roads in Hope Ranch by certifying the intent to authorize the implementation and enforcement of traffic control devices and therefore is contemplated by the CEQA exemption under section 15301. Further, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. The project is an ordinance amendment which allows for a public safety activity designed to maintain a safe traveling condition of the highway facility as it was constructed.



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Department/Division Representative

May 18, 2010

Date

NOTE: A copy must be posted 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.

DATE FILE OF COUNTY CLERK