

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Santa Barbara County Public Works 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 County
(Include street address and cross street (if urbanized area) or attach specific location map)

Project Title: Santa Barbara County Area-Wide Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

Project Description: Update of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, originally approved in 2007.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

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

Exempt Status: (Check one)

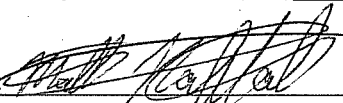
- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Statutory Exemption Section 15262; Feasibility and Planning Studies and CEQA Categorical Exemption Section 15306 (Class 6) Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities.

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

The Update and eventual approval of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan is a planning study that identifies potential projects and programs for possible future actions. The Plan consists of basic data and information collection and includes possible actions which are subject to future adoption and approval, which would protect natural resources and the environment. Therefore the above listed Exemptions apply to this action

Lead Agency Contact Person: Matt Naftaly Phone #: (805) 568-3542

Department/Division Representative:  Date: 9/19/11

Acceptance Date: 9-19-11

Note: A copy of this form must be posted at P&D 6 days prior to a decision on the project. Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

distribution: Hearing Support Staff
Project file (when P&D permit is required)

Date Filed by County Clerk

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