

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**FROM:** Santa Barbara County Water Agency

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    

**Activity Location:** Santa Barbara County – San Antonio and Cuyama Valley Groundwater Basin  
*(Include street address and cross street (if urbanized area) or attach specific location map)*

**Activity Title:** Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Presentation and Related Boundary Adjustment Resolution for the San Antonio and Cuyama Groundwater Basins

**Activity Description:** The Water Agency will provide a presentation regarding SGMA history and requirements and seeking the Board to adopt a resolution allowing the Water Agency to pursue Basin Boundary adjustments from the Department of Water Resources

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Santa Barbara and Santa Barbara County Water Agency

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

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Not a Project [Sec. 15378(b, 5)]
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** Section 15378 means that the whole of an action, which has the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect change, and that is any of the following: (b), Project does not include: (5) organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment

**Reasons to support exemption findings:**

The recommended action is to receive a presentation on the history and requirements of SGMA and to adopt a resolution allowing the Water Agency to pursue Basin Boundary adjustments for relevant County Groundwater Basins, specifically the San Antonio and Cuyama valley Groundwater basins. These activities and the proposed basin boundary modifications are organizational and administrative activities that will not result in physical changes to the environment and are not projects.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:**     Matt Naftaly     **Phone #:** (805)     568-3452    

**Department/Division Representative:**     Matt Naftaly     **Date:**     October 1, 2015    

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

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.

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