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Notice of Exemption

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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**FROM:** Heather Allen, Planning and Development

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:** N/A **Case No.:** N/A **Location:** Countywide

**Project Title:** Local Coastal Program Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grant Application Authorization

**Project Description:** Planning and Development is seeking authorization from the Board of Supervisors to apply for grant funding from the Local Coastal Program Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grant Program for Coastal Hazard Modeling and Vulnerability Assessment. The project implements the policies in the Local Coastal Program adopted by the Board of Supervisors. The resolution authorizing application for the grant also authorizes the Director of Santa Barbara County Planning and Development to enter into a contract to accept a grant from the California Ocean Protection Council for a Local Coastal Program Sea Level Rise Adaptation Grant in compliance with California Ocean Protection Council requirements.

**Name of Person or Agency Approving Project:** Santa Barbara County Planning and Development

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

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

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** 15262 – A project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded does not require the preparation of an EIR or Negative Declaration but does require consideration of environmental factors. This section does not apply to the adoption of a plan that will have a legally binding effect on later activities.

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** The application for grant funding for Coastal Hazard Modeling and Vulnerability Assessment qualifies for an exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 because the project involves planning studies for identification of possible future actions that have not been approved, adopted, or funded by the County, and also considers the environmental factors involved with these projects.

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Department/Division Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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