NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Health Department

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, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN(s)	s) N / A Case No: N / A	
	Location:	COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
	Project Title:	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OCEAN WATER QUALITY MONITORING GRANT AGREEMENT

Project Description: Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Director of Public Health Department, or Designee, to Execute a Public Beach Safety Grant Agreement with the State Water Board to provide ocean water quality monitoring and public notification services pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 115875 et seq.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: <u>Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Barbara</u> Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: <u>Santa Barbara County Public Health Department</u>

Exempt Status: (Check One)

☐ Ministerial ☐ Statutory ☐ Categorical Exemption ☐ Emergency Project

 \square No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec 15061(b)(3)].

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:

CEQA Guidelines sections 15306, 15307, and 15308; and section 15061(b)(3)

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

Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Director of Public Health Department, or Designee, to Execute a Public Beach Safety Grant Agreement is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15061(b)(3) because there is no possibility of significant effect on the environment; and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15306, 15307, and 15308, because these actions are for information collection and for the protection of natural resources and the environment. The exceptions of Section 15300.2 do not apply as the locations of ocean water quality monitoring at public beaches are not within a sensitive environment, historical resource, or any hazardous waste site list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; activities are temporary and limited in nature and will not damage scenic resources; and there is no cumulative impact from successive water quality monitoring.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Daniel L.B. Nielson, MPA Interim Director / Public Health Department (805) 681-5115 Date

NOTE: A copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35-day statute of limitation on legal challenges.

Date Filed with the County Clerk