NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Community Services Department

The projects or activities identified below are 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.

Location: Lookout Park, 2297 Finney Rd., Summerland, CA 93067 (APN 005-230-002) Rincon Beach Park, 100 S. Bates Rd., Carpinteria, CA 93013 (APN 001-220-100) Santa Claus Lane, Carpinteria, CA 93013

Project Title: Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations

Project Description: This project involves the installation of a total of two new electric vehicle (EV) charging stations and pay kiosks; one at Rincon Park and one at Lookout Park next to existing EV charging stations. Minor trenching will be required to provide underground electrical connections for the panel and breakers. Approximately four new EV charging stations and electrical switchgear will be installed on Santa Claus Lane and incorporated as part of the Santa Claus Lane Streetscape Project.

Exempt Status:

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section(s): 15304 & 15301

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

CEQA Guideline Section 15304 Class 4 consists of minor alterations in the condition of the land, water and/or vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

CEQA Guideline Section 15301 Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing use.

The immediate areas where the EV charges are, or will be, located are well disturbed and have been for decades. The utilities already exist underground and the project limits will contain the new ground disturbance. The exemption is not limited by factors set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 as the maintenance activities are a Class 1 exemption, do not have a cumulative impact, significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances, impact on a scenic highway(s), nor impact on historical resources, and the maintenance activities are not on a hazardous waste site.

Department/Division RepresentativeDate October 16, 2023
Jill Van Wie Note: A copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board
Date File of Counter Clerks