

### ATTACHMENT 13: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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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):** Not applicable.

**Case No.:** 12ORD-00000-00013

**Location:** The proposed ordinance amendment applies solely to the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County located within the Coastal Zone.

**Project Title:** Agricultural Buffer Ordinance.

**Project Description:** 12ORD-00000-00013 proposes to amend Santa Barbara County's certified Local Coastal Program by amending Division 2, Definitions, Division 7, General Regulations, and to add a new Appendix H titled "Agricultural Buffer Implementation Guidelines" of the Santa Barbara County Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance, of Chapter 35, Zoning, of the County Code, to implement a new Agricultural Buffer regulation.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- ☐ Ministerial
- ☒ Statutory
- ☐ Categorical Exemption
- ☐ Emergency Project
- ☐ No Possibility of Significant Effect Section 15061(b)(3)

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** Section 15265 Adoption of Coastal Plans and Programs.

#### Reasons to support exemption findings:

The proposed ordinance amendment represents an amendment to the Santa Barbara County's certified Local Coastal Program. Therefore, this ordinance amendment is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15265 (Adoption of Coastal Plans and Programs). This section shifts the burden of CEQA compliance from Santa Barbara County to the California Coastal Commission.

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

Acceptance Date (date of final action on project): \_\_\_\_\_

Date Filed by County Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

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Distribution: (for posting six days prior to action, and posting original after project approval)  
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