

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Community Services Department

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

Location: Countywide

Project Title: Federal Funding Programs Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan and FY 2011-2012 and FY 2012-2013 Substantial Action Plan Amendments

Project Description: The 2013 Annual Action Plan and the FY 2011-2012 and FY 2012-2013 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendments serve as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Santa Barbara County HOME Consortium operating plan for receipt and expenditure of federal entitlement funding provided to the County by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- ☐ Ministerial
- ☐ Statutory
- ☐ Categorical Exemption
- ☐ Emergency Project
- ☐ No Possibility of Significant Effect [§15061(b,3)]
- ☒ Other

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15378(b)(4); The creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project are not a project as defined by CEQA.

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

These documents seek federal approval for funding for various projects and programs. Approval of the documents does not result in direct physical impacts to the environment. When individual projects and programs contained within these documents proceed to implementation, they may be subject to environmental review under NEPA and/or CEQA for the possible impacts which are unique to that particular project and/or program.

Department/Division Representative Jill Van Wie Date: April 2, 2013

Note: A copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days.

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