

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department of Public Works – Transportation Division
(Lead Department/Division)

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): N/A **Case No.:** N/A

LOCATION: 105 East Anapamu Street, 4th Floor Board of Supervisors Hearing Room

PROJECT TITLE: Right-of-way negotiations for the purchase of Temporary Construction Easements along Jalama Road

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Request for the Chair to Authorize the Director of Public Works to proceed with right-of-way negotiations for the purchase of Temporary Construction Easements for use associated with the anticipated future construction of Bridge No. 51C-0371 over Jalama Creek on Jalama Road (Replacing Existing Bridge No. 51C-0017); Federal Project BRLOZE-5951 (072); County Project No. 862278;

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15378(b, 2)]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b, 3)]

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15378 project means the whole of an action, which has the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect change, and that is any of the following: (b), Project does not include: (2) Continuing administrative or maintenance activities, such as purchases for supplies, personal-related actions, general policy and procedure making...

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

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is the responsible for authorizing the Public Works Director to proceed with right-of-way negotiations for the purchase of Temporary Construction Easements for an anticipated future construction project. The request to start negotiations for a Temporary Construction Easement is not a project by definition. The term project refers to the activity which is being approved and which may be subject to several discretionary approvals by governmental agencies. The term project does not mean each separate governmental approval. Further, the authorization to proceed with negotiations for the Temporary Construction Easement will not create any unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. Approval of the Temporary Construction Easement will not occur until the project has undergone CEQA review.

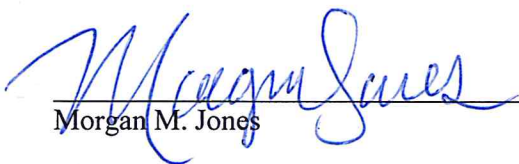
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Acceptance Date: **February 18, 2014**

[Date of final action on project]

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



Morgan M. Jones

February 5, 2014

Date

NOTE: A copy of this document must be posted with the County’s Planning & Development Department at least 6 days prior to consideration of the activity by the decision-makers to comply with County CEQA guidelines and a copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35 day statue of limitations on legal challenges.

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