

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services (Lead Agency)

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): 029-121-022

LOCATION: Santa Barbara County Administration Building located at 105 East Anapamu, Santa Barbara, Ca. 93101.

PROJECT TITLE Power Efficiency Services Agreement

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project will install a level 1 electric vehicle charging station and an energy storage system at the Santa Barbara County Administration Building. The station is secured to a concrete footing within close proximity the existing parking lot that is within a short (25-foot) distance from the existing county-owned building. The Energy Storage system will located in the Adminitration building basement. An underground electrical and communications conduit will be installed in a shallow trench from the charging station to the existing building, where the electrical wiring will be connected to existing electrical services in the building and the communication wiring will be connected to telephone service. The level 1 charging station will be open to the general public to re-charge their electrical vehicles on a fee-for-use basis.

EXEMPT STATUS:(Check One)

☐ Ministerial

☐ Statutory

☒ **Categorical Exemption (15303 (D))**

☐ Emergency Project

☐ No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061 (b,3)].

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: Class 3, §15303 (D): Water mains, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions including street improvements, to serve individual customers.

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

The project is exempt because it extends existing utility services to minor equipment improvements to existing county-owned facilities. The installation of the level 1 electric car charging station and an energy storage system will not materially change the existing condition of affected parking lots, traffic flows, existing building operations, nor create adverse environmental impacts due to the minor trenching required to provide power and communication services.

Department/Division Representative: RH roy.hapman Date: 01/27/2014
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NOTE: A copy must be posted DERC 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.