

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, LEAD AGENCY

Clerk of the Board-Filing Date

Based on a review of the project and project description, the following activity is determined to as indicated below. Specific findings are indicated below and environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as amended, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA are included, if applicable.

APN(s) (or N/A): 113-210-004 and 113-210-013 **Case No.** 8747 Northern Branch Jail STAR Project

(current date, project# and NOE number for this project)

LOCATION(city/unicorporated area/NA): 2301 BLACK RD, SANTA MARIA, CA 93455

PROJECT TITLE: Northern Branch Jail STAR Project Design Kickoff Consultant Purchase Orders

PROJECT DESCRIPTION (attach continuation page, if necessary): The approval and execution of consultant Purchase Orders for design kickoff meetings.

DETERMINATION:

☒ **NOT A PROJECT** (§15378): A project as defined by CEQA is one in which the whole of the action has a potential for resulting in either a direct or indirect physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The action described above has been determined by the Lead Agency to not be a Project under CEQA. **No further environmental review is required.**

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check Only One)

☐ Ministerial (§15369)

☐ Statutory (§15260)

☐ Categorical Exemption (§15354)

☐ Emergency Project (§15359)

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Sub-Section(s) §15301 (a) modification of existing structure and §15303 (c), new structure in urbanized area not more than 10,000 square feet and not involving hazardous materials.

FINDINGS TO SUPPORT DETERMINATION: (attach additional material, if necessary):

The approval and execution of the Purchase Orders is not the approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), and constitute, rather, the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

DISTRIBUTION: Clerk of the Board and Project File

Celeste Manolas, Capital Projects Manager

Department/Division Representative (print & sign name)

2.9.15
Date

NOTE: A copy must be posted 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 statute of limitations on legal challenges.