

ATTACHMENT 2 : 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): Countywide

Location: Countywide

Project Title: Report on Seismic Hazards to Buildings in Santa Barbara County possibly followed by an inventory of buildings and the development of building retrofit programs.

Project Description:

The department has prepared study of seismic hazards for building. This study will be presented to the County Board of Supervisors and they may choose to direct staff to inventory buildings in the county and develop retrofit programs for future Board consideration.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- ☐ Ministerial
- ☒ Statutory Exemption
- ☐ Categorical Exemption
- ☐ Emergency Project
- ☐ Declared Emergency
- ☐ Other

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section(s): 15262 - A project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded does not require the preparation of an EIR or Negative Declaration but does require consideration of environmental factors. This section does not apply to the adoption of a plan that will have a legally binding effect on later activities.

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

The study of seismic building hazards qualifies for an exemption from CEQA under section 15262 because it involves a planning study that may inform future actions that have not yet been approved and will not have a legally binding effect on future activities.

Department/Division Representative

Date

Acceptance Date (date of final action on project): _____

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____

Note: A copy of this form must be posted at P&D 6 days prior to a decision on the project. Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff [for posting 6 days prior to action, and posting original after project approval]