NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Department/Support Services 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: 047-092-013 **Case No.** Real Property File No. 003533

LOCATION: The Boathouse Restaurant at Arroyo Burro Beach County Park, located at 2981 ½ Cliff Drive, in Santa Barbara.

PROJECT TITLE: First Amendment to Concession Agreement at Arroyo Burro Beach County Park.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A First Amendment to the Concession Agreement between the County of Santa Barbara and Santa Barbara Shellfish Company, Inc. (Concessioner), to allow the Concessioner to use the portion of the premises currently being used as a Men's restroom for the Park, to be converted to use as storage for the Concessioner's restaurant, and to memorialize an agreement for Concessioner's repayment of past accrued utility charges over a period of two years.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)
Ministerial
Statutory
X Categorical Exemption (Section 15301)
Emergency Project
No Possibility of Significant Effect

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Sections: 15301, Existing Facilities. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project consists of amending the current Concession Agreement between the County and the Concessioner, which allows the Concessioner to lease the existing public structure from the County for the operation, repair, and maintenance of a restaurant for the benefit of patrons of Arroyo Burro Beach County Park. The project includes minor alterations to the structure similar to those set forth as examples in CEQA Guideline Section 15301 (a): "Interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances", to convert the current use of the space as a restroom, to its future use as a storage area for the restaurant. The agreement regarding repayment of past due utility charges is in accordance with the Concessioner's obligations regarding the leasing and operation of the restaurant, including payment of utilities. Amending the Agreement will involve negligible or no expansion of the existing use, is not likely to have a significant effect on the environment, and is therefore exempt from further CEQA review.

Department/Division Representative Date

NOTE: A copy of this document 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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