## Attachment B

## **CEQA** Exemption

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Eric L. Peterson, County Fire Chief

TO:

FROM:

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): $\underline{n/a}$ Case No.: $\underline{n/a} \times$
Location: <u>Countywide</u> (Include street address and cross street (if urbanized area) or attach specific location map)
Project Title: Call-When-Needed Water-Dropping Helicopter Agreement
Project Description: On-call helicopter to serve the County during periods of high fire risks.
Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Barbara County Fire Department
Exempt Status: (Check one) MinisterialStatutory Exemption  _X_Categorical ExemptionEmergency ProjectDeclared Emergency
Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: <u>15061(b)</u> , <u>(3)</u> , <u>(No possibility of impact to the environment)</u> .
Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary)  This funding provides additional firefighting capabilities during this time of extreme drought.
Lead Agency Contact Person: <u>Eric L. Peterson</u> Phone #: <u>805.681.5500</u>
Department/Division Representative: <u>Eric L. Peterson</u> Date: <u>May 19, 2015</u>
Acceptance Date:
Note: A copy of this form must be posted 6 days prior to a decision on the project. Upon project approval, this form must 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 thirty five day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

Date Filed by County Clerk