

ATTACHMENT 2: CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Joyce Gerber

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.

APNs: 001-040-008, -010, -011, -012, -041

Case No.: 13RVP-00000-00009

Location: 1970 Lillingston Canyon Road

Project Title: Cate School Master Plan Update

Project Applicant: Heidi Jones, Agent for Cate School

Project Description: Approval of a contract to prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the Cate School Master Plan Update project (13RVP-00000-00009). Approval of the contract does not meet the definition of a “project” pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Santa Barbara

Exempt Status: (Check one)

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

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(5)

Reasons to support exemption findings:

Approval of the contract to prepare an EIR does not meet the definition of a “project” pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), which exempts organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. There is no substantial evidence that the proposed project involves unusual circumstances, including future activities, resulting in or which might reasonably result in significant impacts which threaten the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Joyce Gerber

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Department/Division Representative: Jeff Wilson

Date: 7/28/16

Acceptance Date: _____

distribution: Hearing Support Staff

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____.

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