

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department of Public Works – Transportation Division
(Lead Department/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(s): N/A **Case No.:** N/A

LOCATION: 105 East Anapamu Street, 4th Floor Board of Supervisors Hearing Room

PROJECT TITLE: Master Agreement Administering Agency-State Agreement for Federal Funded Projects

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Public Works Department request the Board of Supervisors to authorize a Resolution authorizing and directing the Director of Public Works to execute Master Agreement No.05-5951F15, and subsequent Program Supplemental Agreements, Fund Exchange Agreements, and Fund Transfer Agreements with the California Department of Transportation. This Master Agreement allows the County to utilize authorized federal funds to restore, improve and construct transportation infrastructure within the jurisdictional boundaries of Santa Barbara County.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- ☐ Ministerial
- ☐ Statutory
- ☐ Categorical Exemption
- ☐ Emergency Project
- ☐ No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b, 3)]
- ☒ Not a Project [Sec. 15378(b, 4)]

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15378 project means the whole of an action, which has the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect change, and that is any of the following: (b), Project does not include: (4) 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.

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

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is the responsible agency to approve, authorize and execute the Master Agreement. The term project refers to the activity which is being approved and which may be subject to several discretionary approvals by governmental agencies. The term project does not mean each separate governmental approval. Further, the Master Agreement will not create any unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. Therefore, the actual Master Agreement is not a project it can be found to be exempt from CEQA.

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Acceptance Date: **August 23, 2016**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



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August 2, 2016

Date

NOTE: A copy of this document must be posted with the County's Planning & Development Department 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.

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