

## ATTACHMENT 1 – CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Peter Cantle, Planning & Development

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:** N/A

**Case Nos.:** N/A

**Location:** County of Santa Barbara

**Project Title:** Delegation of Authority to Department Director to Enter Into Memorandum of Understanding Establishing a Joint Review Panel to Guide Environmental Analysis of the Plains Pipeline Permit Application.

**Project Applicant:** N/A

**Project Description:**

Recommendation to Board of Supervisors to delegate authority to Planning and Development Department Director to establish a Memorandum of Understanding with other participating agencies to establish a Joint Review Panel to guide the CEQA environmental review of the recently-submitted Plains Pipeline Replacement Project.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Santa Barbara

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** N/A

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

- ☒ Not a Project
- ☐ Statutory Exemption
- ☐ Categorical Exemption
- ☐ Emergency Project
- ☐ Declared Emergency

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** §15378(b)(5) – Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not resulting direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** Delegation of the Board's authority to the Planning and Development Director to enter a Memorandum of Understanding is not a project. It is an administrative government activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Peter Cantle Phone #: 568-2519

**Department/Division Representative:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** September 27, 2017

**Acceptance Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Distribution:** Hearing Support Staff

Project file (when P&D permit is required)  
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