

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Community Services Department

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): N/A

Case No.: N/A

Location: Countywide

Project Title: Library Service Delivery Consultant Update and Recommended Actions

Project Description: Library services in the County are provided via the Cities' main libraries and various branch locations as a way to efficiently use existing facilities and prevent the creation of County-operated duplicate establishments. A library consultant was engaged for the purpose of evaluating the current County library service delivery system and funding model and recommended interim and long-term improvements to the system and/or alternative service delivery methods for the County to consider, including: 1) Creating a Zone 4 with Goleta and standardizing and updating contact provisions and funding; 2) Including the Goleta Municipal Library in Zone 4 with Buellton and Solvang with service to Isla Vista and Hope Ranch; 3) Developing a funding formula based on equity principles including socioeconomic factors, geographic location/remoteness, literacy rates, and contributions from other sources; 4) Dictating the allowable overhead/ administrative fee for all entities accepting County library funding, as well as a minimum service level; and 5) Forming a Joint Powers Authority to deliver library services.

Exempt Status:



Other

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Sections: 15378(b)(4) and 15378(b)(5)

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

Approval of an amendment to a funding agreement involves the creation of a government funding mechanism(s) or other government fiscal activity(ies) which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. An informational update on library municipalities is an organizational or administrative action and has no direct physical impact on the environment.

Department/Division Representative

Jill Van Wie

Date March 19, 2018

Note: A copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days.

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