

## 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:** Orcutt Area, Santa Barbara County

**Project Title:** Release of Agreements to Provide Affordable Housing Imposed on Real Property – Rice Ranch

**Project Description:** Release of the Agreements releases the developers of the Rice Ranch Development from two recorded Agreements to provide affordable housing imposed on real property which require the developers to provide on-site affordable housing units for low income and workforce families. In June 2016, amendments to these conditions of approval were approved to eliminate the requirement to provide on-site affordable housing and required the developers to pay in-lieu affordable housing fees in accordance with the revised County Inclusionary Housing Policy.

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

- ☐ Ministerial
- ☐ Statutory
- ☐ Categorical Exemption
- ☐ Emergency Project
- ☐ No Possibility of Significant Effect [§15061(b,3)]
- ☒ Other

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** 15162

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

Through release of the agreements to provide affordable housing on real property, no substantial changes are proposed, and no new information has come to light regarding environmental effects of the projects or of the sufficiency or feasibility of mitigation measures, and therefore approval of the release of the agreements is within the scope of the previously adopted Environmental Impact Report (03-EIR-05 prepared for the Rice Ranch project) and that therefore no new environmental document is required.

Department/Division Representative Jill Van Wie

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Date: May 3, 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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