

ATTACHMENT 1

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steven Counts Imara, Planner, Planning & Development Department (P&D)

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: Not Applicable **Case No.:** Not Applicable

Location: Countywide

Project Title: Farmstays Ordinance Amendment Project (Farmstays Project)

Project Description:

P&D staff scheduled a hearing at which to present a staff report and receive the Board of Supervisor's (Board's) input and concurrence on the scope-of-work for the Farmstays Project. The Farmstays Project proposes revisions to the County of Santa Barbara Land Use and Development Code (LUDC), Coastal Zoning Ordinance (Article II), and Uniform Rules for Agricultural Preserves and Farmland Security Zones (Uniform Rules), to allow farmstays in other areas of the unincorporated county besides the Gaviota Coast. The purpose of the staff report and corresponding hearing is to obtain the Board's confirmation of the Farmstays Project scope-of-work, prior to P&D staff drafting the amendments for, and retaining a consultant to conduct environmental review of, the Farmstays Project projected in Fall 2020.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

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

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Not a Project

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guidelines Sections: 15060(c)(3) and 15378(b)(5)

Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3), an activity is not subject to CEQA if the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378. Pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5), organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment are not a project.

Reasons to support exemption findings:

The administrative activity of receiving and filing a report, and providing direction, on the Farmstays Project scope-of-work will not create a direct or indirect physical change in the environment. The Board's direction will result in the drafting of potential amendments to the LUDC, Article II, and Uniform Rules, but does not approve of any actual amendments at this time. Therefore, there is no potential of direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. When the Ordinances return for action by the Board, a separate CEQA determination will be made. Therefore, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(5) and 15060(c)(3), the administrative activity described above is not a "project" that is subject to CEQA environmental review.

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Date: _____

Acceptance Date: _____

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