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Project Title

REPORT BACK ON EXPLORING COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENTS, RENEWABLE ENERGY PERMIT
PROCESSING, AND SEEKING BOARD DIRECTION TO DEVELOP OPTIONS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

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- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Recorder/County Clerk
Attn: James Scott
1600 Pacific Highway, M.S. A33
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: County of San Diego
Planning & Development Services, M.S. O650
Attn: Long Range Planning

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name: Report Back on Exploring Community Benefits Agreements, Renewable Energy Permit Processing, and Seeking Board Direction to Develop Options for Future Consideration
Project Location: County of San Diego (All Districts)

Project Applicant: County of San Diego; Address: 5510 Overland Ave, San Diego, CA 92123;
Telephone Number: 858-505-6677

Project Description: On February 10, 2021, the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed staff to research Community Benefits Agreements (CBA) in relation to renewable energy projects. On December 8, 2021, County staff sought further direction from the County Board of Supervisors (Board) as to whether staff should develop options for a CBA program, policy, or ordinance. Staff will return to the Board with options and seek further Board guidance as to which option(s) to further develop. Additionally, on November 3, 2021, the Board directed staff to identify and return with recommendations on staffing options to meet the needs of processing renewable energy projects. Staff presented the staffing resources that would be needed to support and expedite permit processing for renewable energy projects.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Scott Christman; Telephone Number: 858-505-6677

Date Form Completed: November 22, 2021

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors has approved the above described project on December 8, 2021, and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

1. Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)
 - Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]
 - Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]
 - Statutory Exemption. C Section:
 - Categorical Exemption. G Section:
 - G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.**
 - G 15182 - Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan
 - G 15183 - Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning
 - Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
2. Mitigation measures were were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
3. A Mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was was not adopted for this project.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: Accepting information and obtaining direction from the Board of Supervisors (Board) is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines as it would have no potential for resulting in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly. It can also be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Board's direction to initiate work on any of the

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Recommendations may have a significant effect on the environment (see Attachment A for associated Environmental Documentation).

The project seeks to continue developing options for community benefit programs, policies, and ordinances. Accepting this report does not commit the County of San Diego to any course of action and would have no potential to result in significant physical change or effect on the environment, directly or indirectly. Subsequent actions would be reviewed pursuant to CEQA and presented to the Board for consideration before implementation. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that today's action may have a significant effect on the environment and that the actions are exempt or not subject to CEQA.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature: Audrey Hamilton Telephone: 858-505-6677
Name (Print): Audrey Hamilton Title: Land Use Environmental Planning Mgr.

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.