

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of: Santa Barbara

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From: (Public Agency): Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
100 Via Juana Rd
Santa Ynez, CA 93460

(Address)

Project Title: CPUC FFA Last Mile Broadband Grant

Project Applicant: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

Project Location - Specific:

Santa Ynez, CA, Tribal Trust lands and County/Caltrans Rights of Way

Project Location - City: Santa Ynez Project Location - County: Santa Barbara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Tribe has been awarded a Last Mile Federal Funding Account grant from the California Public Utilities Commission to fund the Chumash Fiber Network project for the installation of fiber optic line to Tribal Citizens. The Chumash Fiber Network project area includes an estimated 120 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 892. An estimated total population of 1,710 will benefit from these investments in and around the Tribal Lands of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to five gigabits per second symmetrical service to consumers. CPUC has recommended the Tribe submit this NOE since the Tribe has Trust and Self Governance authority. A map of the project area is included as Attachment A.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1 (15301[b]), Class 3 (15304[d]), Class 4 (15304[f])
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

15301(b)- The project consists of the operation, permitting, and minor alteration of existing facilities used to provide utility services within existing tribal streets, tribal utility corridors, and off-reservation areas previously disturbed through either roadway construction and right of way or utility installation. 15303(d) - The project consists of the construction, location and installation of small new equipment (fiber optic lines). 15304(f) -The project consists of the minor trenching for the installation of fiber optic lines, and backfilling where the surface will be restored. Furthermore, analysis completed under environmental review conducted for a federal broadband grant indicates that there are no exceptions to the use of the Categorical Exemptions as outlined in Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines. The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians will conduct the necessary cultural reviews to avoid impact to any confidential historical resources within the area.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: David Fein Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 805-294-5586

If filed by applicant:

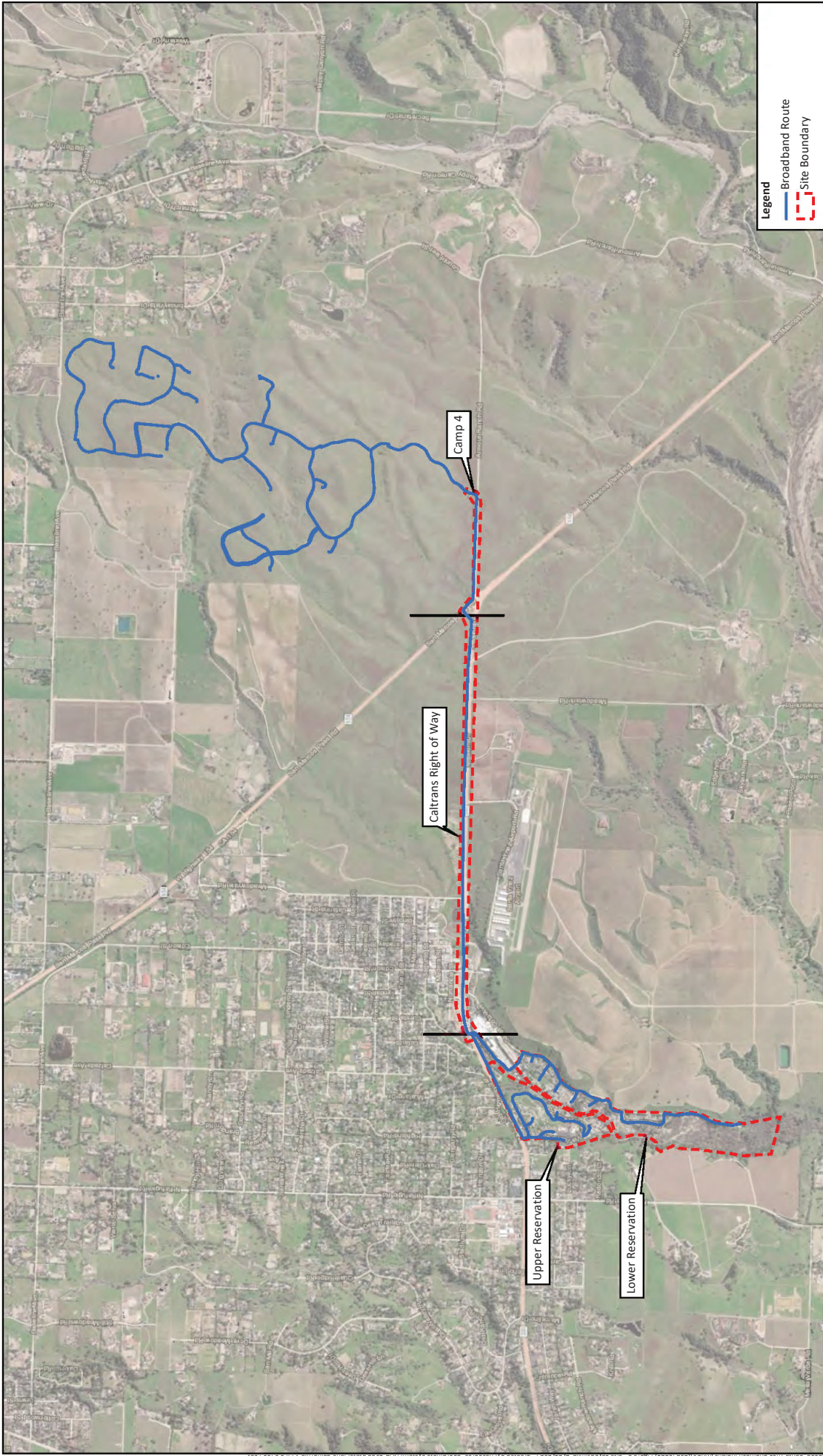
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: July 15, 2024 Title: Chairman

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____



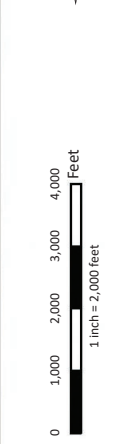
Legend

- Broadband Route
- Site Boundary

Site Layout Map

CLIENT: Santa Ynez Chumash Indians
 PROJECT: CPUC Last Mile FFA Grant
 PROJECT NUMBER: C058.005.001

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Aerial Imagery Source: Maxar (February 4, 2023)