

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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FROM: Public Works Department – Flood Control District

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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.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APN(s) : 061-231-001, 061-231-002, 061-231-003, 061-231-004; 061-092-014 Case No: N/A

Location: Santa Barbara, CA

Project Title: Cieneguitas Channel Emergency Repair Project

Project Description:

Severe storms and rain events in early February 2024 resulted in flooding, sedimentation, and debris impacts throughout Santa Barbara County. The State of California proclaimed a state of emergency for eight counties, including Santa Barbara County, on February 4, 2024 for severe weather impacts. On February 4, 2024, Santa Barbara County proclaimed a local emergency.

During the storms, a concrete-lined portion of Cieneguitas Channel upstream of Modoc Road was substantially damaged during the storms, resulting in collapse of portions of the concrete panels, erosion of the banks and adjacent properties, and constriction of drainage at Modoc Road Bridge due to debris accumulation in the channel.

The Santa Barbara County Flood Control District performed an emergency repair in February 2024, comprised of debris removal and placement of large rock on the eroded banks. This interim repair was installed during the February 2024 emergency response in order to protect the bank from further damage during the continuing rainy season. A more complete, durable emergency repair was not possible until later in the year when water flows have receded. In late summer/early fall 2024, the Flood Control District will update the channel with a more permanent, durable emergency repair to return the channel to the pre-damage conditions.

The channel repair will consist of removing the rock and re-building the damaged area, approximately 300 linear feet, to match the dimensions and configuration of the channel prior to the 2024 flood damage. The failed and degraded concrete panels will be replaced with new concrete. There are no anticipated environmental impacts associated with the project because it involves in-kind replacement of the failed concrete and banks within the same project footprint. Flood Control District environmental compliance monitors and a cultural / Native American resources monitor will oversee installation of the repairs.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Flood Control District

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:

Section 15269(c): Specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency that does not have a low probability of occurrence. The State of California proclaimed a state of emergency for eight counties, including Santa Barbara County, on February 4, 2024. On February 4, 2024, Santa Barbara County proclaimed a local emergency due to powerful storms beginning January 31, 2024. There is not an insignificant chance of additional storms as winter rainy season approaches, and immediate action is required to repair the damaged infrastructure.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Andrew Raaf Phone #: (805) 722-7250

Department/Division Representative: Andrew Raaf Date: August 12, 2024

Signature: 

Acceptance Date: _____

Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenge

Date Filed by County Clerk



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2024 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Complete this form when filing a Notice of Determination (Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental Impact Report) or Notice of Exemption.

A scanned copy of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Receipt, Transmittal Memorandum and the CEQA filing including the date/time of posting will be emailed to the Lead Agency and Project Applicant. If you would like a return copy, please submit an extra copy along with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

Contact Person Andrew Raaf	Phone 805-568-3445
Lead Agency Santa Barbara County Flood Control & Water Conservation District	Lead Agency Email asraaf@countyofsb.org
Project Title Cieneguitas Channel Repair Project	
Project Applicant Erick Adelman	Email EAdelman@countyofsb.org
	Phone (805) 884-8074
Project Applicant Address 130 E. Victoria Street, STE 200	City Santa Barbara
	State CA
	Zip 93101

DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - 2024 Filing Fee \$4,051.25
 - Previously Paid (must attach receipt) \$0.00
 - No Effect Determination (must be attached)..... \$0.00

Environmental Filing Fees will be collected *only* for projects that are approved. The Applicant must attest to the following:

- This project has been approved. Date of Approval: Click or tap to enter a date.

- Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).....
 - 2024 Filing Fee \$2,916.75
 - Previously Paid (must attach receipt) \$0.00
 - No Effect Determination (must be attached)..... \$0.00

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Notice of Exemption.....\$0.00

County Administrative Handling Fee (required for all filings, effective 7/19/18)\$50.00

TOTAL: \$ 50.00

PAYMENT METHOD: ALL APPLICABLE FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF FILING

- Cash
- Credit
In person only
- Check # _____
- Journal Entry # _____
In FIN send to 'COB CEQA' in CEO Dept