

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Santa Barbara

105 E. Anacapa Street, Room 407

Santa Barbara, CA 93101

From: (Public Agency): LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency
600 South Main Street
Orange, CA 92863

(Address)

Project Title: Ortega Siding

Project Applicant: LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency

Project Location - Specific:

Milepost 374-375.1 of the Santa Barbara Subdivision

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project would replace a 1.1 mile siding in Summerland, between the Cities of Santa Barbara and Carpinteria. The new siding would be built at MP 374-375.1. This project will allow for service expansion and will result in reduced travel time, increased ridership, operational reliability, and greenhouse gas emissions reduction.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency

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: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: §21080(b)(10) [15275(a)]

Reasons why project is exempt:

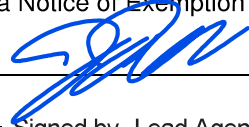
This project has been determined to qualify for a Statutory Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15275(a) [PRC §21080(b)(10)] since the project would support mass transit passenger rail operations conducted by the LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency on a rail line already in use. The project would facilitate with improving efficiency and service reliability.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Russ Henry Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 7145605990

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: 1/15/2025 Title: Managing Director

■ 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: _____