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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Santa Barbara

From: (Public Agency): Santa Barbara County Flood Control District
130 E. Victoria St., Suite 200
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(Address)

Project Title: Lower Mission Creek Reach 2B-2 Debris Rack Repair

Project Applicant: Santa Barbara County Flood Control District

Project Location - Specific:

The site is located between Mission Creek and 317 Chapala St. directly north of Hwy 1

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

During record storm flows in 2023, the metal debris rack of the Lower Mission Creek Reach 2B-2 bypass channel was destroyed when large amounts of debris accumulated on the rack and caused it to fail. This project will replace the rack with an updated design to address potential weak points and avoid future failure. The rack size and functionality will remain the same and will involve no expansion of former use.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County Flood Control District- Board of Directors

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

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: 15301 Existing Facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The key consideration for Class 1 Exemption 15301 for Existing Facilities is whether the activity involves negligible or no expansion of use. The debris rack is an existing component of the storm water bypass facility that is regularly managed and maintained for flood control purposes. The activity would not expand the size or change the use of the facility.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Seth Shank Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 805-568-3443

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: May 25, 2025 Title: Regulatory Compliance Manager

▪ 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: _____

State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE

CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:
42 — 06/26/2025 — 117

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
County of Santa Barbara Flood Control	sshank@countyofsb.org	06/26/2025

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING: Santa Barbara

DOCUMENT NUMBER:

PROJECT TITLE

Lower Mission Creek Reach 2B-2 Debris Rack Repair Project

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
Walter Rubalcava	wrubalc@countyofsb.org	(805) 568-3436

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 200	Santa Barbara	CA	93101

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☑ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$4,123.50	$	0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$2,968.75	$	0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,401.75	$	0.00

☑ Exempt from fee

- ☑ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$850.00	$	0.00
☑ County documentary handling fee		$	50.00
☐ Other		$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☑ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ 50.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X Katherine Douglas	Katherine Douglas, Deputy Clerk

ORIGINAL - PROJECT APPLICANT | COPY - CDFW/ASB | COPY - LEAD AGENCY | COPY - COUNTY CLERK | DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01012025)

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2025 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

105 E. Anapamu St. Room 407 • Santa Barbara • CA • 93101

(805) 568-2240

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	Phone
Seth Shank	805-568-3443
Lead Agency	**Lead Agency Email**
Santa Barbara County Flood Control & Water Conservation District	sshank@countyofsb.org

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Walter Rubalcava	wrubalc@countyofsb.org	805-568-3436	
Project Applicant Address	**City**	**State**	**Zip**
130 E. Victoria Street, STE 200	Santa Barbara	CA	93101

DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

☐ Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR) .....

☐2025 Filing Fee $4,123.50

☐ 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).....

☐2025 Filing Fee $2,968.75

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☐ 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

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

RECEIVED
2025 JUN 26 P 3:03

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Santa Barbara County Flood Control District and Water Conservation District

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: 037-245-012, 037-245-020 **Case No.:** NA

Location: Santa Barbara County

Project Title: Lower Mission Creek Reach 2B-2 Debris Rack Repair

Project Description: During record storm flows in 2023, the metal debris rack of the Lower Mission Creek Reach 2B-2 bypass channel was destroyed when large amounts of debris accumulated on the rack and caused it to fail. This project will replace the rack with an updated design to address potential weak points and avoid future failure. The rack size and functionality will remain the same and will involve no expansion of former use.

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Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Exempt Status: (Check one)

_____ Ministerial
_____ Statutory Exemption
__X__ Categorical Exemption
_____ Emergency Project
_____ Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Article 19, Categorical Exemption, Section 15301 – Existing Facilities. Class 1 consists of the operation, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The key consideration for Class 1 Exemption 15301 for Existing Facilities is whether the activity involves negligible or no expansion of use. The debris rack is an existing component of the stormwater bypass facility that is regularly managed and maintained for flood control purposes. The activity would not expand the size or change the use of the facility.

There are no scenic highways, hazardous waste sites, historical resources, or designated resources of critical concern or officially adopted. There are no unusual circumstances that

conclude a reasonable possibility that the activity would have a significant effect or cumulative impact on the environment pursuant to Section 15300.2.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Walter Rubalcava Phone #: 805-568-3436

Department/Division Representative: Seth Shank

Date: May 29, 2025

NOTE: A copy of this document must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35-day statute of limitations on legal challenges.