

City of Rancho Santa Margarita  
22112 El Paseo  
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688  
(949) 635-1800

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**To:**  County of Orange  
Clerk-Recorder  
601 N. Ross Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**Project Title:** General Plan Amendment (GPA) 26-001 to Update the Safety Element

**Project Applicant:** City of Rancho Santa Margarita  
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**Project Location:** Citywide; Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688; County of Orange

**Project Description:** The Project is an update to the Rancho Santa Margarita General Plan Safety Element to include the newly adopted fire hazard severity zone maps and make minor text modifications to reference the Airport Fire and remove an outdated reference.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Rancho Santa Margarita

**Exempt Status:**

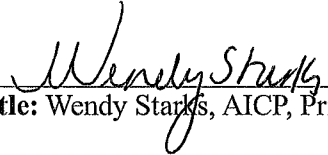
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec.21080(b)(3);15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 16152 Feasibility and Planning Studies

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA under Article 18, Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies) statutory exemption since the proposed project involves only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the City has not approved, adopted, or funded.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Wendy Starks, AICP, Principal Planner, City of Rancho Santa Margarita  
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**If filed by applicant:** Not Applicable

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:**   
**Name & Title:** Wendy Starks, AICP, Principal Planner  
**Date:**

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant