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LEAD AGENCY

County of Santa Barbara Public Works

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

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DATE

08/25/2025

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

Santa Barbara

DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE

Rancho Guadalupe Dunes Habitat Enhancement Project

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

County of Santa Barbara Public Works

PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL

kdurham@countyofsb.org

PHONE NUMBER

(805) 568-3310

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS

123 E Anapamu St

CITY

Santa Barbara

STATE

CA

ZIP CODE

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

X *Katherine Douglas*

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Katherine Douglas, Deputy Clerk



2025 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 Kalani Durham	Phone 805-568-3310		
Lead Agency County of Santa Barbara Public Works	Lead Agency Email kdurham@countyofsb.org		
Project Title Rancho Guadalupe Dunes Habitat Enhancement Project			
Project Applicant County of Santa Barbara Public Works	Email kdurham@countyofsb.org	Phone 805-568-3310	
Project Applicant Address 123 E Anapamu St	City Santa Barbara	State CA	Zip 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.

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- ☒ 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 ☐ Check # _____ ☐ Journal Entry # **1065401**
- In person only In FIN send to 'COB CEQA' in CEO Dept

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department of Public Works/Transportation Division
(Lead Department/Division)

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Based on a preliminary review of the project the following activity is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970 (Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 et seq.), as defined in the State CEQA Guidelines and County Revised CEQA Guidelines.

APN(s): 113-020-021 and 113-020-019 **Project No.:** N/A

LOCATION: Rancho Guadalupe Dunes County Park, 6999 W Main St, Guadalupe, CA 93434, Fifth Supervisorial District

PROJECT TITLE: Rancho Guadalupe Dunes Habitat Enhancement Project

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project proposes to enhance five acres of dune habitat at Rancho Guadalupe Dunes County Park. The project includes planting 500 California-native and rare dune species and removing invasive species, primarily iceplant (*Carpobrotus spp*) and narrowleaf iceplant (*Conicosia pugoniformis*). Additionally, a sand fence up to 300 feet in length will be installed along the north side of the County public parking lot, within the 5-acre restoration area, to protect newly planted native dune vegetation from wind erosion and sand burial.

The project directly addresses impacts from the Related-Transportation Facility, which involved replacing a 600-foot new road and 1,400-foot repaired segment, resulting in approximately 0.48 acres of temporary and 0.25 acres of permanent impacts to dune habitat. The project will provide additional habitat mitigation and enhancement efforts beyond mitigation measures required per Permit No. 23EMP-00004/24CDH-00034 to further restore habitat functionality and resilience.

The project aims to increase biodiversity by reintroducing native species suited to foredune conditions and enhance ecological resilience, which will help buffer against and recover from future natural disturbances and climate change.

This project was submitted for funding under the California Natural Resources Agency's Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program for the 2025 grant cycle.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Public Works Transportation Division

Exempt Status: (Check one)

☐ Ministerial

☐ Statutory Exemption

X Categorical Exemption {15333}
 Emergency Project
 Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15333 Small Habitat Restoration Projects – Class 33 consists of projects not to exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife provided that (a) There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to section 15065, (b) There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed, and (c) The project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects. Examples of small restoration projects include but are not limited to, as listed under (d): (1) revegetation of disturbed areas with native plant species and (4) projects to restore or enhance habitat that are carried out principally with hand labor and not mechanized equipment.

Reasons to support exemption findings: Consistent with this exemption, the proposed small restoration project does not exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife. The project includes planting 500 California-native species, removing invasive species, and installing a 300-ft maximum sand fence that are all within the 5-acre restoration area. The project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects. There are no unusual circumstances that would suggest the potential for a significant environmental impact. As such, the project qualifies for a categorical exemption under CEQA.

There is no substantial evidence that there are unusual circumstances (including future activities) resulting in (or which might reasonably result in) significant impacts which threaten the environment. The exceptions to the categorical exemptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines are:

- (a) **Location.** Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located -- a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15333 is a Class 33 exemption; therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (b) **Cumulative Impact.** All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

The project will not result in cumulative impacts that are significant when considered in conjunction with other projects in the area. As a small-scale habitat restoration effort under CEQA Guidelines Section 15333 (Class 33), the project is limited in scope and designed to improve environmental conditions. It does not involve significant development, population growth, removal of trees or resource extraction, and there are no known related projects in the vicinity that would collectively contribute to a significant cumulative effect. Therefore, the project qualifies for a categorical exemption without triggering concerns of cumulative impact.

- (c) Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.**

The proposed project qualifies as a small habitat restoration project and does not present any unusual circumstances that would result in a significant effect on the environment. The project involves standard restoration activities with minimal ground disturbance, conducted in an area previously impacted by habitat degradation. There is no reasonable possibility that the project will result in significant environmental impacts, and all activities are consistent with those typically exempt under Section 15333 (Class 33) of the CEQA Guidelines. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (d) Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.**

The project does not involve a scenic highway or a project which may result in damage to a scenic resource, removal of trees, rock outcropping or similar resources. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (e) Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.**

There are no hazardous wastes site locations in the roadway right of way. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (f) Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.**

The project locations involved are not identified as a historical resource. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Mostafa Estaji, Deputy Director, Public Works-Transportation Division, Phone: (805) 568-3064

Department/Division Representative: Kalani Durham, Engineering Environmental Planner/Coordinator

Acceptance **Date: August 21, 2025**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting

<u>Kalani Durham</u>	<u>August 20, 2025</u>
Kalani Durham, Department Representative	Date

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

Distribution: Date Filed by County Clerk: 8-25-2025.