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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: Stonebrook Basin Drainage Improvement

Project Applicant: Santa Barbara County Flood Control District

Project Location - Specific:

Stonebrook Basin at California Boulevard between Old Mill Ln and Countrywood Dr

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The activity involves re-contouring the bottom of the basin to allow stormwater and urban seepage nuisance water to drain more suitably. The activity involves grading the bottom of the basin, installation of a new concrete drainage inlet and buried pipe to connect to the existing drain, and re-seeding to re-establish and lawn on disturbed soil. Stonebrook basins are an existing flood control facility. The activity would not expand the boundaries or change the use of the facility. The activity is a minor alteration of existing facilities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County

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:

CEQA Article 19, Categorical Exemptions, 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. Stonebrook Basin is an existing stormwater facility that is regularly managed and maintained for flood control purposes. The activity would not expand the boundaries or change the use of the facility. Regrading the surface sediment to improve drainage and installation of an outlet and buried culvert would improve drainage function within the existing facility, consistent with existing uses, and would not involve expansion. 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 the 15300.2.

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: Seth Shank Date: 10/21/2025 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:

Revised 2011

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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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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
Santa Barbara County Flood Control District	asraaf@countyofsb.org	10/21/2025

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
Santa Barbara	

PROJECT TITLE

Stonebrook Basin Drainage Improvements

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
Santa Barbara County Flood Control District	asraaf@countyofsb.org	(805) 722-7250

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
130 E. Victoria St. 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	Chelsea Lenzi, Deputy Clerk

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
Andrew Raaf	805-722-7250
Lead Agency	**Lead Agency Email**
Santa Barbara County Flood District	asraaf@countyofsb.org

Project Title

Stonebrook Basin Drainage Improvements

Project Applicant	Email	Phone	
Santa Barbara County Flood Control District	asraaf@countyofsb.org	805-722-7250	
Project Applicant Address	**City**	**State**	**Zip**
130 E Victoria St. Suite 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

☐ 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 # 1068896 In FIN send to 'COB CEQA' in CEO Dept

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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: 111-300-027 **Case No.:** NA

Location: Santa Barbara County

Project Title: Stonebrook Basin Drainage Improvements

Project Description: Stonebrook Basin is an existing stormwater detention facility near California Boulevard and Old Mill Lane in Orcutt, CA. The basin property also functions as an open space park serving the surrounding neighborhoods. The proposed activity by the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District involves minor improvements to improve drainage and reduce damp surface conditions on the eastern part of the property. The project involves re-contouring the basin bottom to allow stormwater and urban seepage nuisance water to drain more suitably around the perimeter of the basin. The activity involves grading the bottom of the basin, installation of new concrete inlet/outlet structures and an underground pipe to connect to the existing drain system, and re-seeding to re-establish turf and stabilize the soil. Stonebrook basin is an existing flood control facility. The activity would not expand the boundaries or change the use of the facility. The activity is a minor alteration of existing facilities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

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, and 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.

Stonebrook Basin is an existing stormwater facility that is regularly managed and maintained for flood control purposes. The activity would not expand the boundaries or change the use of the facility. Regrading the surface sediment to improve drainage and installation of an outlet and buried culvert would improve drainage function within the existing facility, consistent with existing uses.

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 the 15300.2.

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

Department/Division Representative: Seth Shank Date: Oct 17, 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.