

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: _____

From: (Public Agency): _____

(Address)

Project Title: _____

Project Applicant: _____

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: _____

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: _____

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: _____

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

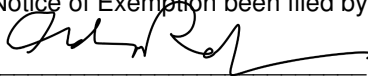
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Lead Agency
Contact Person: _____ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: _____

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: _____ Title: _____

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: _____

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works Department

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(s) : Various Case No: Not Applicable

Location: Montecito Community Plan area in the First Supervisorial District

Project Title: Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase 2

Project Description:

The Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase 2 is a continuation of the Phase 1 plan, focusing on research and development of strategies to improve flood conveyance and debris management for the Montecito area. The Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase 2 involves further data collection, survey, alternatives analysis, and developing concepts for improvements in the lower San Ysidro Creek, which was highlighted in the Phase 1 plan as an area for further investigation. The Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase 2 is a feasibility and planning study and includes data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities.

The above action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Article 18, Statutory Exemptions Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies and CEQA Article 19, Categorical Exemption, Section 15306 (Class 6) Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities.

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

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

Division

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:

CEQA Article 18, Statutory Exemptions Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies and CEQA Article 19, Categorical Exemption, Section 15306 (Class 6) Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities.

Reasons to support exemption findings:

The Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase 2 is a data and information gathering tool in support of developing a strategy for stream improvements, flood conveyance and debris management. The Board has not approved, funded, or adopted any future actions as this study is for planning and evaluation purposes only. The Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase 2 does not result in a disturbance to any environmental resource. Therefore, the above listed exemptions apply to this action.

Should the District in the future pursue any specific creek improvement activity identified in the Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase 2, that activity will undergo separate environmental review consistent

with the requirements of CEQA. The potential environmental impact of any future activity would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The exceptions to the categorical exemptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines are:

- (a) **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 Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase 2 does not result in a disturbance to any environmental resource; therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (b) **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 Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase 2 does not result in a disturbance to any environmental resource. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (c) **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 Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase 2 does not result in a disturbance to any environmental resource; therefore, this exception does not apply

- (d) **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.

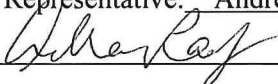
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- (e) **Historical Resources.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase 2 does not result in a disturbance to any environmental resource; therefore, this exception does not apply

Lead Agency Contact Person: Andrew Raaf Phone #: (805) 722-7250

Department/Division Representative: Andrew Raaf Date: January 30, 2026

Signature: 

Acceptance Date: _____

Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a 35-day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

Date Filed by County Clerk



2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER: 42 — 04/08/2026 — 063

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY: County of Santa Barbara Flood Control & Water Conservation District; LEAD AGENCY EMAIL: TConti@countyofsb.org; DATE: 04/08/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING: Santa Barbara; DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE: Montecito Flood Control Master Plan, Phase 2

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME: Andrew Raaf; PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL: ASRAAF@countyofsb.org; PHONE NUMBER: (805) 568-3445

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

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box): [X] Local Public Agency, [] School District, [] Other Special District, [] State Agency, [] Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,227.50; Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$3,043.75; Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,437.25

[X] Exempt from fee; [X] 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; [X] County documentary handling fee \$50.00; [] Other

PAYMENT METHOD:

[] Cash, [] Credit, [] Check, [X] Other; TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

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



2026 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	
Lead Agency		Lead Agency Email	
Project Title			
Project Applicant	Email	Phone	
Project Applicant Address	City	State	Zip

DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - 2026 Filing Fee \$4,227.50
 - 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:

- Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).....
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- County Administrative Handling Fee (**required for all filings, effective 7/19/18**)\$50.00

TOTAL: _____

PAYMENT METHOD: ALL APPLICABLE FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF FILING

- Cash Credit Check # _____ Journal Entry # _____
- In person only Ensure Workday status reflects "Posted" prior to filing