

ATTACHMENT C: CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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FROM: Henry Wakamiya, Planning and Development 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.

APNs: 061-070-069 and 061-070-070

Case No.: 25RDN-00003

Location: APNs: 061-070-069 and 061-070-070, Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan area

Project Title: CA Assets – Road Naming

Project Applicant: CA Assets

Project Description:

The project is a request to name an existing private road "Origin Lane." Origin Lane will take access from Hollister Avenue. The subject parcels are shown as Assessor Parcel Nos. 061-070-069 and 061-070-070, zoned 10-R-1, located in the Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan area, Second Supervisorial District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CA Assets

Exempt Status:

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

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15301(c) [Existing Facilities] of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines

Reasons to Support Exemption Findings: The proposed project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15301(c) [Existing Facilities] of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. Section 15301(c) exempts existing highways and

streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and other similar facilities. The proposed project consists of naming a new private road; therefore, Section 15301(c) applies.

The proposed project does not involve 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 in 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.

This exception to the categorical exemptions does not apply because the project does not involve any changes to the landscape that would disturb environmental resources. The project is not located within Environmentally Sensitive Habitat (ESH). The proposed project would create no impacts to environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern.

- (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.

This exception to the categorical exemptions does not apply because the road naming in itself is not cumulatively impactful as it does not involve any type of construction or alteration to the area beyond the installation of a sign. Accordingly, the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time, that are developed in conformance with applicable ordinance and policy regulations on residentially-zoned parcels in the vicinity would not result in a cumulatively significant 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.

This exception to the categorical exemptions does not apply because there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project involves unusual circumstances, including future activities, resulting in or which might reasonably result in significant impacts which threaten the environment.

- (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.

This exception to the categorical exemptions does not apply because the road is not located in the vicinity of a state scenic highway, and the naming of the road will not impact any scenic views.

- (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.

This exception to the categorical exemptions does not apply because the project site is an existing road that is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code (hazardous and toxic waste sites). There is no evidence of historic or current use or disposal of hazardous or toxic materials on the project site.

- (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.

This exception to the categorical exemptions does not apply because the existing road is not located on or near any historical resources and will therefore have no impact on any historical resource.

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