

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION, CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: County Executive Office, Strategic and Long Range Planning—Comprehensive Planning

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): Not applicable Case No.: Not applicable

Location: South Coast Santa Barbara County, Goleta Unincorporated Area (map attached)
(Include street address and cross street (if urbanized area) or attach specific location map)

Project Title: Goleta Valley Visioning

Project Description: A profile of the unincorporated Goleta area, articulation of a statement of community values, and a comprehensive vision to guide future updating of the Goleta Community Plan

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Comprehensive Planning Division

Exempt Status: (Check one)

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

Cite specific CEQA or CEQA Guideline Section: Guidelines §15262 (Feasibility & Planning Studies)

Reasons to support exemption finding: CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15262 states, "A project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded does not require the preparation of an EIR or Negative Declaration but does require consideration of environmental factors. This section does not apply to the adoption of a plan that will have a legally binding effect on later activities." The Goleta Valley Visioning meets these criteria because it is a planning study that would serve as a basis for future updating of the Goleta Community Plan, considers environmental factors, and has no legally binding effect on current activities (e.g., development project application review) or later activities (i.e., the Community Plan Update).

Lead Agency Contact Person: John McInnes, Director Phone #: (805) 568-3552

Department/Division Representative: Derek Johnson, Project Manager Date: _____

Acceptance Date: _____

Note: A copy of this form must be posted at P&D 6 days prior to a decision on the project. 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.

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff

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