



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Clerk of the Board
County of Santa Barbara
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

FROM: Santa Barbara County
Air Pollution Control District
260 N. San Antonio Road, Suite A
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Project I.D.: N/A

Project Title: Revisions to District *Environmental Review Guidelines*

Location: Santa Barbara County

Project Applicant: Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District

Project Description: The project consists of revisions to the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (District) *Environmental Review Guidelines (Guidelines)* to include a significance threshold for impacts of greenhouse gas emissions. The *Guidelines* have also been revised to reflect minor updates and revisions to the list of equipment considered to be exempt in Appendix A.

Exempt Status: (Check One)

- Ministerial (Section 21080 (b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption
- CEQA Section(s):
- Statutory Exemption
- Code Number(s): Statute Sections 21102, 21150; Guidelines Section 15262
- General Exemption under CEQA Section 15061(b)(3)
- APCD CEQA Guidelines, Appendix A ("APCD List of Exempt Projects")
- Other (CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.7, 15378)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: CEQA lead agencies are encouraged to develop and publish thresholds of significance pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.7. CEQA lead agencies are also required by Section 21082 of the CEQA Statute to adopt objectives, criteria, and procedures for the evaluation of projects and the preparation of environmental impact reports and negative declarations. The District's *Environmental Review Guidelines*, and the thresholds of significance included therein, were prepared to meet these requirements. The *Environmental Review Guidelines*, and the significance thresholds included in them, do not constitute a project requiring CEQA review (*project* is defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15378). CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.7 prescribes a process that public agencies must follow to adopt thresholds of significance; prior CEQA review is not a part of that process.

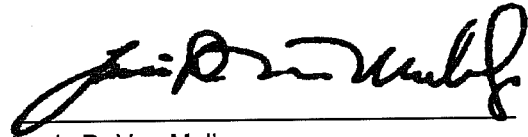
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