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Statement of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

File Number	APN(s)	Date
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	3/10/09
Project Name	Project Type	
Adoption of New Floodplain Ordinance	Regulatory	
Owner	Applicant	
Not Applicable	County of Santa Clara	
Project Location		
Countywide (Designated flood zones)		
Project Description		
Adoption of the new Floodplain Management Ordinance and corresponding Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Digital Floodplain Insurance Rate Maps (dFIRM)		
<p>All development permits processed by the County Planning Office which require discretionary approval must be evaluated for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970 (as amended). Certain projects which meet criteria listed under CEQA may be deemed exempt from environmental review. The project described above has been evaluated by County Planning Staff under the provisions of CEQA and has been deemed to be exempt from any further environmental review per the provision(s) listed below.</p>		
CEQA (Guidelines) Exemption Section:		
15308. Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment		
Class 8 consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. Construction activities and relaxation of standards allowing environmental degradation are not included in this exemption.		
Comments:		
Adoption of new Floodplain Ordinance entails use of new Floodplain Maps and intended for floodplain management & protection.		
<p>Approved by: Rob Eastwood, Senior Planner, AICP</p>	 _____ Signature	<p>3/10/09</p> _____ Date