

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse

FROM: Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division

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): Multiple Case No.: Not Applicable

Location: Unincorporated, urbanized community of Mission Canyon (CSA 12) in the 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisorial District.

Project Title: County Service Area 12 (Mission Canyon Sewer District), Sewer Service Charges and Sewer Connection Charges -Fiscal Year 2025-2026

**Project Description:** The proposed action is to set the sewer service charges and connection charges for fiscal year 2025-2026 for County Service Area 12 (CSA 12), which serves the Mission Canyon area. The annual service charge is proposed to remain at \$316.82 per user. The revenue from this service charge funds annual operating, maintenance, and reserve costs. The connection charge is a one-time fee paid for the use of system capacity by new development, which is proposed to remain at \$5,633 per residential unit.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Public Works Department

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

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

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Guidelines (CCR Section 15273(a)(1)-(4), "Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges".

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary): CSA 12 was formed pursuant to Resolution 84-72 by the Board on February 21, 1984 in order to alleviate health and safety concerns related to poorly performing septic systems. Operationally, CSA 12 provides wastewater collection services and tracks septic system performance for residents in Mission Canyon. Operation and maintenance includes sewer system cleaning, video inspections, and capital repairs as needed. The proposed actions are for the establishment of rates for CSA 12 for the purposes of meeting operating and capital expenses, as well as for meeting financial reserve needs required to maintain services within the existing service area. Said rates are not for the expansion of the service system. Therefore, consistent with CEQA Guidelines section

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15273(a) (1)-(4), the establishment of County Service Area 12 Charges and Fees for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is exempt from CEQA.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Martin Wilder, Utilities Deputy  
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Department/Division Representative:  Joddi Leipner, Regulatory Compliance Management  
Professional Senior

Date: February 10, 2025

Acceptance Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE FILED BY CLERK OF THE BOARD

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# 2025 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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<p>Complete this form when filing a Notice of Determination (Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental Impact Report) or Notice of Exemption.</p> <p>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.</p>			
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) .....
  - 2025 Filing Fee .....\$4,123.50
  - 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).....
  - 2025 Filing Fee ..... \$2,968.75
  - Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) ..... \$0.00
  - No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00

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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  
In person only
- Check # \_\_\_\_\_
- Journal Entry # \_\_\_\_\_  
In FIN send to 'COB CEQA' in CEO Dept

# Journal Entry

Document Number: JE - 0277969  
 Document Description: FY2526 LCSD rates - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee  
 Post On: 3/18/2025

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## References

Audit Trail: Cash Type: I - Interfund

## Accounting

Fund	Dept	GL Acct	LI Acct	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Prog	OUnit	Proj	Act	Area	Equip	Depositor	Description
2185	054	2810	7650	50.00		8949							FY2526 CSA12 rates - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee
2185		0110			50.00								FY2526 CSA12 rates - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee
0001		0110		50.00									FY2526 CSA12 rates - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee
0001	012	2710	5746		50.00	4020							FY2526 CSA12 rates - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee
			Total	100.00	100.00								

## Signatures

Signed By   Approval Level   Department/Agency-Fund Group   Signed On   Valid