

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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: Orcutt and unincorporated areas of the Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara County

Project Title: Laguna County Sanitation District Ordinance Amendments

Project Description: Adoption of revised utility rates for 2010/2011 for the Laguna County Sanitation District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Board of Directors, Laguna County Sanitation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Laguna County Sanitation District

Exempt Status: (Check one)

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

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

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):

CEQA does not apply to the approval/modification of rates for the purpose of meeting operating expenses or for obtaining funds necessary to maintain service within an existing service area. Annual rate adjustments allow the District to equalize the impact of costs associated with plant maintenance, repairs and improvements related to regulatory requirements, replacement or upgrade schedules. The proposed increase in rates would help fund operational costs, minor capital projects (e.g., valve replacements), plant and sewer system maintenance and reserve fund requirements to maintain service with in the Laguna County District's existing service area consistent with the requirements of this statutory exemption.

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Department/Division Representative: Jodd Leipner, Env. Planner Date: March 8, 2010

Acceptance Date: May 25, 2010

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.

DATE POSTED AT PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

DATE FILED BY COUNTY CLERK

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