

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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

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:** Not Applicable      **Case No.:** Not Applicable

**Location:** Cuyama Valley, Santa Barbara County, California, Fifth Supervisorial District

**Project Title:** Parcel Fees for the Cuyama Valley for FY 2015/16

**Project Description:** Adopt of a resolution, effective July 1, 2015, setting the Parcel Fee Schedule for solid waste collection and disposal in the Cuyama Valley for Fiscal Year 2015/16.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division.

**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), (2), (4) Rate, Tolls, Fares, and Charges.

**Reasons to support exemption findings:**

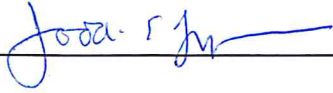
CEQA does not apply to the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, or other charges by public agencies which the public agency finds are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses, purchasing or leasing of supplies, equipment or material, or obtaining funds for capital projects, necessary to maintain service within existing service areas. The Cuyama Valley is served by two County-operated transfer stations built in 1996, which replaced the local landfills upon their closure. In accordance with Section 25830 of the California Government Code, property owners in the Cuyama Valley pay for solid waste disposal services through parcel fees according to a schedule that was established with the adoption of a resolution by the Board of Supervisors in 1982 (Resolution Number 82-360). The proposed project provides for the establishment of rates (Parcel Fee Schedule) for fiscal year 2015-16 to maintain existing service levels for solid waste collection and for disposal for County facilities serving the Cuyama Valley consistent with the requirements of this statutory exemption. No increase in rates is proposed and no new capital improvements that would expand existing service levels would be funded by the establishment of the rates.

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