

# Attachment B

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and Clerk of the Board of Directors  
FROM: County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department and Laguna County Sanitation District

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): 111-092-012, 015, 024, 026, 033, 041, 045, 046, 047, and 048 Case No.: Not applicable

Location: North of Waller Lane and west of SR 135 in the city limits of the City of Santa Maria. Action to be considered at the Board hearing rooms at 105 East Anapamu Street, 4<sup>th</sup> floor and 511 East Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria

Project Title: Quitclaim of sewer easements to the City of Santa Maria.

**Project Description:** Request the Board approve and execute the quitclaim deeds for sewer easements holding sewer lines now owned, maintained and operated by the City of Santa Maria due to an annexation to the City and detachment of the District.

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [15061(b)(3)]
- Not a Project [15378(b)(5)]

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: California Code of Regulations Section Section 15378(a) defines a Project to mean the whole of an action, which has the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Section 15378(b)(5) states, however, that a project does not include governmental administrative activities action which are political and are not physical changes in the environment.

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary): The Laguna County Sanitation District (District) is the responsible agency to execute quitclaim deeds to the City of Santa Maria. The action is a governmental administrative activity and not a project by definition.

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Department/Division Representative: *Martin Wilder* Date: November 6, 2017

Acceptance Date: December 12, 2017

Note: A copy of this form must be posted at P&D 6 days prior to a decision on the project. Upon approval, this form must be filed with the 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 CLERK OF THE BOARD

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