

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Directors  
FROM: Public Works Department, 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): 101-020-079 and 113-240-015 Case No.: Not Applicable

Location: Orcutt and unincorporated areas of the Santa Maria Valley in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District  
Project Title: Annexation to Laguna County Sanitation District

**Project Description:** The actions involve annexing land owned by the Laguna County Sanitation District into its jurisdictional boundaries.

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 Guidelines (CCR Section 15319(a), "Annexations of Existing Facilities and Lots for Exempt Facilities".

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary): The annexation of land owned by the Laguna County Sanitation District (District) into its own jurisdictional boundaries is an annexation that does not involve the extension of services to existing or proposed structures. Land uses of both parcels are agricultural in nature and not related to residential or commercial development. Therefore, the project is categorically exempt from CEQA per CEQA Guidelines 15319(a) in that the required services are less than (or nor required at all) the level of service required for land uses associated with development and structures typically associated with other zoning.

A review of exemption classes pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines indicates that there is no substantial evidence that there are unusual circumstances (including future activities) resulting in (or which might reasonably result in) significant impacts which threaten the environment. The exceptions to the categorical exemptions are:

- (a) Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located -- a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.**

The proposed project is an administrative action that modifies the jurisdictional area of the Laguna County Sanitation District. Land uses are consistent with existing agricultural activities and zoning and do not

require utility sewer services. Therefore, no significant impact a sensitive environmental resource is expected to occur and this exception is not applicable

**(b) Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.**

There are no changes to existing land uses associated with these actions. Therefore, no cumulative impacts would result and this exception is not applicable.

**(c) Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.**

There are no unusual circumstances associated with the annexation that are expected to result in a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

**(d) Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.**

The action is administrative and not related to scenic resources. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

**(e) Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.**

The action is administrative and not related to hazardous waste sites. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

**(f) Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.**

The action is administrative and not related to historical resources. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

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Department/Division Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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