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# 2026 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

## County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Lead Agency	Lead Agency Email		
Santa Barbara County Public Works Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division	mforgey@countyofsb.org/jvig@countyofsb.org		
Project Title			
Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 of the County Code for Mandatory Service in Isla Vista – Second Supervisorial District			
Project Applicant	Email	Phone	
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Project Applicant Address	City	State	Zip
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### DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR) .....

2026 Filing Fee ..... \$4,227.50

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).....

2026 Filing Fee ..... \$3,043.75

Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) ..... \$0.00

No Effect Determination (**must be attached**) ..... \$0.00

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This project has been approved. Date of Approval:

Notice of Exemption..... \$0.00

County Administrative Handling Fee (**required for all filings, effective 7/19/18**) ..... \$50.00

**TOTAL: \$ 50.00**

### PAYMENT METHOD: ALL APPLICABLE FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF FILING

Cash       Credit       Check # \_\_\_\_\_       Journal Entry # **JE-1073094**

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**For** JE-1073094 - County of Santa Barbara California - 12/29/2025 - 2026 CEQA Filing Fee for the Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 of the County for Mandatory Service in Isla Vista  
**Overall Process** Journal: JE-1073094 on 12/29/2025 for \$100.00 by EMILY LACHAINE  
**Overall Status** Successfully Completed  
**Due Date** 12/31/2025  
**Calendars In Use** Consecutive Days (No Calendars Selected)

#### Details

##### Journal Entry View

<b>Journal</b>	JE-1073094 - County of Santa Barbara California - 12/29/2025 - 2026 CEQA Filing Fee for the Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 of the County for Mandatory Service in Isla Vista
<b>Journal Number</b>	JE-1073094
<b>Status</b>	Posted
<b>Journal Sequence Number</b>	JR131585
<b>Budget Check Status</b>	Pass

##### Journal Entry Information

<b>Originated by</b>	EMILY LACHAINE
<b>Accounting Date</b>	12/29/2025
<b>Currency</b>	USD
<b>Period</b>	Dec-FY 2025-26 Actuals (County of Santa Barbara California)
<b>Ledger</b>	County of Santa Barbara California : Actuals
<b>Journal Source</b>	Manual Journal
<b>Book Code</b>	

##### Journal Entry Details

<b>Memo</b>	2026 CEQA Filing Fee for the Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 of the County for Mandatory Service in Isla Vista
<b>External Reference ID</b>	
<b>Adjustment Journal</b>	No
<b>Create Reversal</b>	No
<b>Balanced</b>	Yes
<b>Total Ledger Debits</b>	100.00
<b>Total Ledger Credits</b>	100.00

##### Journal Lines



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## Retained Earnings


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Accounting Journal Event	Approval by Cost Center Manager	Approved	01/02/2026 01:11:17 PM		DAWN HOLDEN (Cost Center Manager) ()		1
Accounting Journal Event	Initiate Accounting Journal Intercompany Event	Not Required		12/31/2025			0
Accounting Journal Event	Approval by Project Manager	Not Required		12/31/2025			0
Accounting Journal Event	Approval by Grant Manager	Not Required		12/31/2025			0
Accounting Journal Event	Approval by Accounts Payable Data Entry Specialist	Not Required		12/31/2025			0
Accounting Journal Event	Approval by Accounting Operations Lead	Not Required		12/31/2025			0
Accounting Journal Event	Approval by Chief Deputy Controller	Not Required		12/31/2025			0
Accounting Journal Event	Approval by Accounting Specialist - ARTA	Not Required		12/31/2025			0
Accounting Journal Event	Approval by ARTA Accountant	Not Required		12/31/2025			0
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## **NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

**FROM:** Santa Barbara County Public Works, 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: Multiple Case No.: Not Applicable

**Location:** Unincorporated Community of Isla Vista, Second Supervisorial District

**Project Title:** Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 of the County Code for Mandatory Service in Isla Vista – Second Supervisorial District

**Project Applicant:** Santa Barbara County Public Works, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RR&WM)

**Project Description:** Amendments to Chapter 17 of the Santa Barbara County Code pertaining to solid waste management to address chronic littering and illegal dumping in the unincorporated Isla Vista community adjacent to the University of California Santa Barbara along the south coast of Santa Barbara County. Amendments would include:

- Requiring property managers or property owners subscribe to waste service;
- Clarifying that every occupied parcel must subscribe to waste service and only one waste account can represent each individual parcel;
  - Exception to allow for up to two adjacent residential parcels to share one waste account;
- Clarifying a multiple-unit dwelling includes all residential parcels with two (2) or more dwelling units, a large single-unit dwelling includes all residential parcels with fewer than two (2) dwelling units and with four (4) or more total bedrooms, and a small single-unit dwelling includes all residential parcels with fewer than two (2) dwelling units and with less than four (4) total bedrooms;
- Increasing the minimum required service for multiple-unit dwellings from one 32-gallon can serviced 2x per week per bedroom, to one 35-gallon trash cart serviced 2x per week and one 35-gallon recycling cart serviced 1x per week per bedroom;
  - Requiring large single-unit dwellings abide by this minimum required service level

- Requiring for multiple-unit dwellings and large single-unit dwellings that the equivalent volume of required trash and recycling service be consolidated in whatever distribution results in the fewest number of containers onsite;
- Clarifying for multiple-unit dwellings and large single-unit dwellings if more than six (6) 95-gallon carts are required, which would be the volume of required service for a property with eight (8) total bedrooms, that the equivalent volume of required trash and recycling service must be provided in the form of dumpsters;
- Increasing the minimum required service for small single-unit dwellings from one 32-gallon can serviced 2x per week per property, to one 35-gallon trash cart and one 35-gallon recycling cart both serviced 1x per week per property;
- Requiring waste service without interruption throughout the year, unless every unit is vacant for more than sixty (60) days, or if more than 25% of units of a multiple-unit dwelling are vacant for more than thirty (30) days in which case waste service may be decreased to match the minimum required service levels for only occupied bedrooms;
- If more than one Notice of Violation is issued within a twelve-month period, require property managers or property owners to adjust waste service as directed by the County.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

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

**Exempt Status:**

Ministerial  
 Statutory Exemption  
 Categorical Exemption  
 Emergency Project  
 Declared Emergency

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guidelines Section:** State CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment) and 15321 (Enforcement Actions by Regulatory Agencies)

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** [discuss reasons for the exemption]

State CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment) exempts actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment and Section 15321 (Enforcement Actions by Regulatory Agencies) exempts actions by regulatory agencies to enforce or revoke a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other

entitlement for use issued, adopted, or prescribed by the regulatory agency or enforcement of a law, general rule, standard, or objective, administered or adopted by the regulatory agency.

The unincorporated community of Isla Vista has the highest population density in Santa Barbara County (County), which creates unique challenges related to solid waste services. The high population density leads to more waste generated per household and requires more programs and services to manage increased waste generation effectively. Isla Vista is the only community in the unincorporated area of the County that requires all residents to subscribe to solid waste services (also known as “mandatory service”). This requirement for Isla Vista was established in 1992 to address chronic undersubscription of solid waste services in the community and has remained unchanged since 1995. Undersubscription of solid waste services leads to littering, neighborhood disputes, and illegal dumping which can affect public health and safety and the environment. These problems have been exacerbated by the continuous rise in Isla Vista’s population density since the 1990s. The proposed revisions to Chapter 17 in the attached Ordinance amendment aim to further reduce undersubscription in Isla Vista, as well as reduce the related problems of littering, inconsistent waste service, and indirect administrative costs related to solid waste code enforcement for this community.

Consistent with CEQA Guidelines Sections 15308 and 15321, the proposed revisions to Chapter 17 are being undertaken by the County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division. Pursuant to Chapter 17 Section 17-22. Authority of resource recovery and waste management division, the RR&WM Division is authorized to make all necessary and reasonable rules and regulations, subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors, regarding all aspects of solid waste handling services as necessary for the effective and reasonable administration of Chapter 17. The proposed revisions to Chapter 17 are designed to further protect the environment by reducing undersubscription of solid waste services in Isla Vista and the related problems of littering and illegal dumping which can adversely affect public health and safety and the environment. Therefore, the project can be found to be categorically exempt from CEQA.

The proposed project does not involve 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 pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines 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 applicable exemptions are Class 8 and Class 21. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

**(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.

The project involves additional ordinance amendments to address undersubscription of refuse and recycling collection services which can lead to litter and illegal dumping. Other programs and ordinance amendments have been adopted over the past few decades to continually address the evolving solid waste challenges facing the Isla Vista community. The revisions proposed in the Ordinance to change Chapter 17 would not result in cumulative impact but are necessary to address changing circumstance of higher population, more tenants per unit (including increased numbers per bedroom), and higher per capita waste generation in the area. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

**(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.

The ordinance amendments are for a densely populated and developed area in the unincorporated south coast area of Santa Barbara County to ensure residential property owners provide adequate solid waste collection. The provision of adequate service will reduce litter and illegal dumping and result in a beneficial environmental impact. 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 ordinance amendments are for a densely populated and developed area in the unincorporated south coast area of Santa Barbara County to ensure property owners obtain and maintain adequate solid waste collection service. The amendments would not result in physical impacts. 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 project involves ordinance amendments to address undersubscription of refuse and recycling collection services which can lead to litter and illegal dumping. No impact to hazardous waste sites would occur. 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 project involves ordinance amendments to address undersubscription of refuse and recycling collection services which can lead to litter and illegal dumping. No impact to historical resources would occur. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Mackie Forgey, Senior Program Specialist

**Phone #:** (805) 882-3613

**Department/Division Representative:** John Viggianelli, Engineering Environmental Planner

**Date:** January 5, 2026

DocuSigned by:  
  
John Viggianelli  
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**Acceptance Date:**

**Date Filed by County Clerk:** \_\_\_\_\_