

Attachment D

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: County-operated facilities (Landfill and Transfer Stations) throughout Santa Barbara County (All Supervisorial Districts)

Project Title: Solid Waste Tipping Fees, Collection Rates and Parcel Fees for Fiscal Year 2017-18

Project Description: Adoption of a resolution setting fee schedules for solid waste handling and disposal fees at County facilities and solid waste collection rates in the unincorporated area

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, meeting financial reserves needs and requirements or obtaining funds for capital projects, necessary to maintain service within existing service areas. The proposed project provides for the establishment of rates for fiscal year 2017-18 to ensure that the appropriate reserve will be established prior to the County beginning to pay the projected debt services for the Resource Recovery Project. A Subsequent EIR for the Resource Recovery Project was certified by the Board of Supervisors in July 2016. If the project is not constructed, the reserve will be used to design an alternative system to maintain existing services levels of solid waste collection and for disposal at County facilities to meet the region's solid waste management needs to compliance with current and future state and federal waste-related regulations. Any capital project identified from the design analysis supported by the reserve would be subject to separate CEQA review.

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