## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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TO:

Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse

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FROM:

Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste S

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.

Location: Unincorporated, urbanized areas Goleta and Santa Barbara (CSA 3), in the community of Isla Vista (CSA 31), and the Santa Barbara North County Lighting District in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial Districts.

Project Title: Establishing Benefit Assessments for County Service Areas 3, 31, and the Santa

Barbara North County Lighting District for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, 1st, 2nd, 3rd,

4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial Districts

Project Description: This action is to establish the benefit assessments for streetlighting services in County Service Area 3 (CSA 3) at \$24.00 per residential parcel (factored for other development types), County Service Area 31 (CSA 31) at \$12.93 per residential parcel (factored for other development types), and to not establish (set to zero) the benefit assessment for zones in the Santa Barbara North County Lighting District (SBNCLD) that have benefit assessments. These amounts remain unchanged from last year.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Public Works Department

Exempt	Status:	(Check	one)
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√ Statutory Exemption

\_\_\_ Categorical Exemption

\_\_\_ Emergency Project

\_\_\_ Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: <u>CEQA Guidelines (CCR Section 15273(a) (1)-(4), "Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges".</u>

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary): Streetlights used in public road rights of way are owned and operated by the Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) in the north county and by the Southern California Edison Company (SCE) in the south county. Revenue to fund the operational costs of streetlighting comes from the County Road Fund, property taxes and benefit assessments. The Road Fund provides for streetlighting

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services not located within a lighting district or county service area where property taxes and benefit assessments are generated. In total, the County operates two streetlighting districts and three county service areas. Of these, County Service Area 3 (unincorporated Goleta and Santa Barbara), County Service Area 31 (Isla Vista), and portions of the Santa Barbara North County Lighting District generate revenue from benefit assessments. Establishing the benefit assessment is required annually pursuant to the Government Code and the Streets and Highways Code and is for the purposes of meeting operating and capital expenses, as well as for meeting financial reserve needs required to maintain services within the existing service areas. Said rates are not for the expansion of the service system. Therefore, consistent with CEQA Guidelines (CCR Section 15273(a) (1)-(4)), the actions are exempt from CEQA.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Martin Wilder, Utilities Deputy Phone #: (805) 803-8750

Department/Division Representative: <u>Joda Leipner, Regulatory Compliance Management</u> Professional Senior

Date: February 10, 2025

Acceptance Date:

DATE FILED BY CLERK OF THE BOARD 5 -19-

5-14-2025



## 2025 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

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

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Contact Person		Phone	26.70			
Martin Wilder, Kevin Thomp	oson, Joddi Leipner	(805) 803-8756				
Lead Agency			Lead Agency Email			
CSA 3, CSA 31, and North	County Lighting District	kethomp@countyofs	b.org; mwilder@countyolsb.org; Jleipner@countysb			
Project Title						
Benefit Assessments for County Service Areas 3, 31,	and the Santa Barbara North County Lighting	District fo	r Fiscal Year 2025-202			
Project Applicant	Email	Phone				
CSA 3, CSA 31, and North County Lighting District	kethomp@countyofsb.org; amarredondo@countyofsb.org	(805)	803-8756			
Project Applicant Address	City	State	Zip			
620 West Foster Road	Santa Maria	CA	93455			
DOCUM	ENT BEING FILED:		,			
☐ Notice of Determination - Environmental Impac	t Report (EIR)					
□2025 Filing Fee			\$4,123.50			
☐ Previously Paid (must attach receipt)			\$0.00			
☐ No Effect Determination (must be attache	d)		\$0.00			
Environmental Filing Fees will be collected only f	or projects that are approved. The Applicant	must attes	to the following:			
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