

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, 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.

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 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th 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, 4th, and 5th 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)

- ☐ Ministerial
- ☒ Statutory Exemption
- ☐ Categorical Exemption
- ☐ Emergency Project
- ☐ Declared Emergency

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

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

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: Jodi Leipner, Regulatory Compliance Management
Professional Senior

Date: February 10, 2025

Acceptance Date:

DATE FILED BY CLERK OF THE BOARD

5-14-2025



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References

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Accounting

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2120	054	2810	7650	25.00		0041							FY2526 CSA 3 rate - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee
2220	054	2810	7650	25.00		0052							FY2526 CSA 31 rate - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee
2120		0110			25.00								FY2526 CSA 3 rate - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee
2220		0110			25.00								FY2526 CSA 31 rate - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee
0001		0110		50.00									FY2526 rates - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee
0001	012	2710	5746		50.00	4020							FY2526 rates - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee
Total				100.00	100.00								

Signatures

Signed By	Approval Level	Department/Agency-Fund Group	Signed On	Valid
Angela Arredondo	Fund/Department	054-Laguna Sanitation	2/6/2025 9:39:33 AM	Y



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LEAD AGENCY CSA 3, CSA 31, & North County Lighting District	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL Jleipner@countyofsb.org; mwilder@countyofsb.org	DATE 05/14/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara	DOCUMENT NUMBER	
PROJECT TITLE		

Benefit Assessments for the County Service Areas 3, 31, & the Santa Barbara North County Lighting District for FY 2025-2026

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CSA 3, CSA 31, & North County Lighting District	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL kethomp@countyofsb.org; amarredondo@countyofsb.org	PHONE NUMBER (805) 803-8756
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 620 W. Foster Road	CITY Santa Maria	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93455
PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Public Agency <input type="checkbox"/> School District <input type="checkbox"/> Other Special District <input type="checkbox"/> State Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Private Entity		

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,123.50	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,968.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,401.75	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
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PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☒ Other TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X <i>Katherine Douglas</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Katherine Douglas, Deputy Clerk
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