

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

2023 MAY 18 P 3: 28

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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FROM: Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Laguna County Sanitation District

COUNTY OF LAGUNA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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): Multiple

Case No.: Not Applicable

Location: Orcutt and unincorporated areas of the Santa Maria Valley in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial Districts

Project Title: Laguna County Sanitation District, Service Charges, Connection Charges, and Trunk Sewer Fees; Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts

**Project Description:** The action involves establishing sewer service charges, connection charges, and trunk sewer fees for fiscal year 2023-2024.

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
- Emergency Project
- Statutory Exemption
- Declared Emergency
- Categorical Exemption

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): The Laguna County Sanitation District (District), a dependent special district of the County, provides wastewater collection, treatment and recycled water discharge services to customers in Orcutt and unincorporated Santa Maria valley area and is regulated by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) under Waste Discharge Requirements Order R3- 2011-0217. The service territory is located in the Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts. The actions are for the annual adjustment of service charges, connection charges, and trunk line fees for the purposes of meeting operating and capital expenses, as well as for meeting financial reserve needs required to maintain services within this existing service area. The adjustment in charges and fees are not for the construction of capital projects for the expansion of the service system. Therefore, the project is statutorily exempt from CEQA per CEQA Guidelines Section 15273(a)(1)-(4).

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Lead Agency Contact Person: Martin Wilder, Utilities Manager Phone #: (805) 803-8755

Department/Division Representative: Joddi <sup>JE</sup>Leipner, Sr. Engineering Environmental Planner

Date: January 27, 2023

Acceptance Date:

DATE FILED BY CLERK OF THE BOARD

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# CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Complete this form when filing a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental Impact Report or Notice of Exemption.

You will need to submit one original for posting plus one copy for the Department of Fish & Wildlife. A scanned copy including the date/time of posting will be emailed to the Lead Agency and Project Applicant. If you would like a return copy, please submit an extra copy along with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

Contact Person <b>Martin Wilder; Joddi Leipner</b>		Phone <b>X38755, X23614</b>	
Lead Agency <b>Laguna County Sanitation District</b>		Lead Agency Email mwilder@countyofsb.org jleipner@countyofsb.org	
Project Title Laguna County Sanitation District, Ordinance Relative to Service Charges, Connection Charges, and Trunk Sewer Fees			
Project Applicant <b>Laguna County Sanitation District</b>	Email <b>same as above</b>	Phone <b>same as above</b>	
Project Applicant Address <b>620 Foster Road</b>	City <b>Santa Maria</b>	State <b>CA</b>	Zip <b>93455</b>

### DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) .....
  - 2018 Filing Fee .....\$3,168.00
  - Previously Paid (must attach receipt) ..... \$0.00
  - No Effect Determination (must be attached)..... \$0.00

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- Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration .....
  - 2018 Filing Fee .....\$2,280.75
  - Previously Paid (must attach receipt) ..... \$0.00
  - No Effect Determination (must be attached)..... \$0.00

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- Notice of Exemption ..... \$0.00

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- County Administrative Handling Fee (required for all filings)..... \$50.00

TOTAL: \$ 50.00

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

- Cash
- Check # \_\_\_\_\_
- Journal Entry # JE 0244483



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2023 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/23) Previously DFG 753.5a

**Print** **Save**

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 42 — 05/18/2023 — 137  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

**SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.**

LEAD AGENCY Laguna County Sanitation District	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL mwilder@countyofsb.org	DATE 05/18/2023
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara	DOCUMENT NUMBER
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PROJECT TITLE  
 Laguna County Sanitation District, Ordinance Relative to Service Charges, Connection Charges, and Trunk Sewer Fees

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Laguna County Sanitation District	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL jleipner@countyofsb.org	PHONE NUMBER (805 )803-8755
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 620 Foster Road	CITY Santa Maria	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 93455
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency     School District     Other Special District     State Agency     Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,839.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,764.00	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,305.25	\$	0.00

Exempt from fee

Notice of Exemption (attach)

CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

Cash     Credit     Check     Other    **TOTAL RECEIVED**    \$    50.00

SIGNATURE x	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Chelsea Lenzi Deputy Clerk
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**2023 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
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**NOTICE**

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

**COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE**

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

**COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS**

**Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):**

- Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- Mail filing fees for CRP document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a **No Effect Determination** signed by CDFW, also:

- Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

**Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE)** *(Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))*

- Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

**Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected**, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

**The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:**

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- ✓ A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- ✓ A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
- ✓ A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

**DOCUMENT RETENTION**

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

**RECEIPT NUMBER**

- # The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
- # The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
- # The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

**DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.**

**Mail to:**  
 California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
 Accounting Services Branch  
 P.O. Box 944209  
 Sacramento, California 94244-2090