

# **ATTACHMENT B**

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

**FROM:** Santa Barbara County Department of Public Works, 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:** NA      **Case No.:** NA

**Location:** NA

**Project Title:** Agreement for Biological Consulting Services with Padre Associates, Inc.

**Project Applicant:** Santa Barbara County Department of Public Works, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD)

**Project Description:** The proposed action is to execute an agreement with Padre Associates, Inc. to provide biological consulting services to Public Works, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD) for the Tajiguas Landfill and Baron Ranch. The two sites are subject to compliance with biological mitigation measures contained in the CEQA documents prepared for the sites, as well as permit conditions from regulatory agencies such as the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mark Schleich, Deputy Director, Public Works Department

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency
- Not a Project (Section 15378(b)(5))

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, (a) "Project" means the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. (b) Project does not include: (5) Organizational or administrative activities of governmental agencies that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

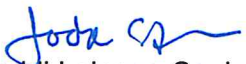
**Reasons to support exemption findings:** The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is the agency responsible to execute professional services contracts. The RRWMD is proposing to contract with Padre Associates, Inc. to provide biological consulting services in compliance with CEQA mitigation measures and regulatory permit requirements for the Tajiguas Landfill and Baron Ranch.

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Approval of the contract is an administrative activity, would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment, and is therefore not a project under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

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