



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
FROM LEAD AGENCY: GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Address: 912 West Foster Road

City: Santa Maria

State: CA

Zip: 93455

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Does this project involve a state/federal agency? Yes No

Project Name: Gaviota Mariposa Reina Site Plant Assessment

District: Third Supervisorial District

Address:

City/Area: Please select from list...

Zip Code:

APN:

Project #: 20036

NOE #: 001 Funding/POPPA: 0030/063/1930/8200

Project Description: (Section §15124 of the CEQA Guidelines defines the types of information that should be included in a project description)

Assess the Reverse Osmosis and Wastewater Treatment Plant at the Gaviota Mariposa Reina Site, located in the Third Supervisorial District of Santa Barbara County. The purpose of this assessment is to estimate the remaining useful life of key equipment and components, identifying anticipated rehabilitation costs, and evaluating operation and maintenance expenditures for current and upgraded infrastructure. In addition, the scope includes a comprehensive life-cycle analysis encompassing environmental impacts, sustainability initiatives, and permitting costs for the ownership and operation of the seawater reverse osmosis plant.

DETERMINATION: (select category)

- Not a Project (§15378)
- Ministerial Exemption (§15268)
- Statutory Exemption (§15260)
- Categorical Exemption (§15354 [15302-33])
 - CatEx - Existing Facilities (§15300)
 - Emergency Project Exemption (§15359)

Scope of Exemption:

Statutory Exemption are projects specifically excluded from CEQA consideration as defined by the State Legislature. These exemptions are delineated in PRC § 21080 et seq. A statutory exemption applies to any given project that falls under its definition, regardless of the project's potential impacts to the environment. However, it is important to note that any CEQA exemption applies only to CEQA and not, of course, to any other state, local or federal laws that may be applicable to a proposed project.

Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14 §15260 PRC §21083

PRIMARY reason for the Determination: §15262-Feasibility and Planning Studies

FINDING TO SUPPORT DETERMINATION: (attach additional material, only if necessary)

There is only one Statutory Exemption available to General Services projects, §15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies. The Santa Maria Administration HVAC/BAS Upgrade involves only feasibility or planning for possible future actions which the General Services, County Executive Office or Board of Supervisors has not approved, adopted, or funded ; and the project does not require the preparation of an environmental document, but does require consideration of environmental factors. Statutory Exemptions do not apply to the adoption of a plan that will have a legally binding effect on later activities.

Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, §15262

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Diana Estorga

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Department/Division Representative

(print name: Diana Estorga)

Date 2/13/2026 | 2:0:

DISTRIBUTION: Clerk of the Board File, Public Notice Board, and Project File

NOTE: A copy must be posted at least 6 days prior to consideration of the activity by the decision-makers to comply with County CEQA guidelines and a copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.



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2026 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Complete this form when filing a Notice of Determination (Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental Impact Report) or Notice of Exemption. A scanned copy of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Receipt, Transmittal Memorandum and the CEQA filing, 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 Diana Estorga		Phone 805-698-1096	
Lead Agency County of Santa Barbara		Lead Agency Email DiEstorga@countyofsb.org	
Project Title Gaviota Mariposa Reina Site Plant Assessment			
Project Applicant Diana Estorga	Email DiEstorga@countyofsb.org	Phone 805-698-1096	
Project Applicant Address 912 West Foster Road	City Santa Maria	State CA	Zip 93455

DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - 2026 Filing Fee \$4,227.50
 - Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) \$0.00
 - No Effect Determination (**must be attached**) \$0.00

Environmental Filing Fees will be collected **only** for projects that are approved. The Applicant must attest to the following:

- This project has been approved. Date of Approval:

- Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).....
 - 2026 Filing Fee \$3,043.75
 - Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) \$0.00
 - No Effect Determination (**must be attached**) \$0.00

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- This project has been approved. Date of Approval:

- Notice of Exemption \$0.00

- County Administrative Handling Fee (**required for all filings, effective 7/19/18**) \$50.00

TOTAL: \$ 50.00

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

- Cash
 - Credit
 - Check # _____
 - Journal Entry # JE-1075603
- In person only Ensure Workday status reflects "Posted" prior to filing



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
 42 — 03/04/2026 — 045
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY Santa Barbara County	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL DiEstorga@countyofsb.org	DATE 03/04/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara		DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE

Gaviota Mariposa Reina Site Plant Assessment

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Diana Estorga	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL DiEstorga@countyofsb.org	PHONE NUMBER (805) 698-1096
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 912 West Foster Road	CITY Santa Maria	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93455

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR) | \$4,227.50 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) | \$3,043.75 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,437.25 | \$ | 0.00 |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy) | | | |

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

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash Credit Check Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

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