

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse

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:  Joddi Leipner, Regulatory Compliance Management
Professional Senior

Date: February 10, 2025

Acceptance Date:

DATE FILED BY CLERK OF THE BOARD _____



2025 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

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<p>Complete this form when filing a Notice of Determination (Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental Impact Report) or Notice of Exemption.</p> <p>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.</p>			
Contact Person		Phone	
Lead Agency		Lead Agency Email	
Project Title			
Project Applicant	Email	Phone	
Project Applicant Address	City	State	Zip

DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - 2025 Filing Fee\$4,123.50
 - 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).....
 - 2025 Filing Fee \$2,968.75
 - Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) \$0.00
 - No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00

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Notice of Exemption.....\$0.00

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

TOTAL: _____

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

- Cash
- Credit
In person only
- Check # _____
- Journal Entry # _____
In FIN send to 'COB CEQA' in CEO Dept

Journal Entry

Document Number: JE - 0277963
 Document Description: CEQA COB filing fee - FY2526 Streetlighting rates
 Post On: 3/18/2025

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Created On: 2/6/2025 9:32:46 AM
 Created By: Angela Arredondo

References

Audit Trail: Cash Type: I - Interfund

Accounting

Fund	Dept	GL Acct	LI Acct	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Prog	OUnit	Proj	Act	Area	Equip	Depositor	Description
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	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>								

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