

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management

The project or activity identified below is determined to not be approval or a commitment to a definite course of action and thus 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 is not required at this time.

APN: n/a **Case No.:** n/a

Location: n/a

Project Title: Consider Issues Related to the Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project

Name of Public Agency: County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division

Project Description: An update on the Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project, conceptual approval of non-binding Deal Points, approving and authorizing the Chair to execute a consultant contract related to assistance in the preparation of the Waste Services Agreement, authorizing the Director of Public Works to prepare and submit permit applications to CalRecycle, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and Air Pollution Control District, and directing staff to return in the future for approval of the project and certification of the Proposed Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency
- No Approval or commitment to definite course of action (CEQA Guidelines § 15352)

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Section 15352(a) states that "Approval means the decision by a public agency which commits the agency to a definite course of action in regard to a project intended to be carried out by any person."

Reasons to support exemption findings: The County is not approving the project at this time, nor is the County committing itself to a definite course of action on the Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project. The Deal Points proposed to be conceptually approved are non-binding and merely provide a potential framework and cost for a future Waste Service Agreement. Additionally, the preparation and submission of permit applications to CalRecycle, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and Air Pollution Control District do not commit the County to undertaking the proposed project. Such permits cannot be issued and no construction can commence until the Board approves the project and certifies the Proposed Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report.

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Acceptance Date: _____

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