

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors (ex-officio clerk of the board of directors of the Laguna County Sanitation District)

FROM: Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division, Laguna County Sanitation District

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): Not applicable Case No.: Not Applicable

Location: Within road right of way of Bradley Road, Patterson Road and oak Knoll Road, (unincorporated Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara County, 4th Supervisorial District

Project Title: Laguna County Sanitation District Oak Knoll Road – Patterson Road Sewer Upgrade

Project Description: The project entails replacing approximately 1,500 of sewer pipe due to existing flow deficiencies within existing improved public roadways.

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

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: PRC 21080.23 “Excluding work on existing pipelines, CCR 15301 “Existing Facilities”, CCR 15302 “Replacement or Reconstruction”.

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):

PRC 21080.23 excludes from CEQA work on existing pipelines related to replacement providing the work is less than 8 miles in length (no more than ½ mile at a time, is not associated with work subject to an exemption within the last 12 months, and is not related to hazardous material excavation. Advance notification will be provided, the work is within existing and improved

rights of way, which will be restored to their prior condition. Terms and conditions for working in the right of way are subject to an encroachment permit issued by the County of Santa Barbara.

CCR 15301 (Class 1 exemption) exempts from CEQA the maintenance and minor alteration to public utility services.

CCR 15302 (Class 2 exemption) exempts from CEQA the replacement or reconstruction of existing utility facilities sited at the same location with substantially the same purpose and capacity. of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

Consistent with these exemptions, the proposed project involves the replacement of existing sewer lines and associated facilities with a slightly larger pipe in order meet engineering design criteria for gravity flow. Currently, peak flow conditions result in the surcharge (pressurization) of the sewer system. The upgrade will replace the existing pipeline with the appropriate size to accommodate gravity flow for the existing customer base at the same peak flow conditions.

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Department/Division Representative: Martin Wilder, Utilities Manager Date: 2/28/2011

Acceptance Date:

Note: A copy of this form must be posted at the Planning and Development Department office 6 days prior to a decision on the project. Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

DATE POSTED AT PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT

DATE FILED BY COUNTY CLERK
