

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Directors

FROM: Public Works Department, 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): Multiple Case No.: Not Applicable

Location: Orcutt and unincorporated areas of the Santa Maria Valley in the 4th and 5th Supervisorial Districts

Project Title: Laguna County Sanitation District Ordinance Amendments

Project Description: The action involves establishing utility rates and fees for FY 2011-2012.

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: CEQA Guidelines (CCR Section 15273(a)(1)-(4), "Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges".

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary): CEQA does not apply to the approval of rates by public agencies for the purpose of meeting operating expenses, obtaining supplies, equipment and materials, meeting financial reserve needs, or obtaining funds for capital projects needed to maintain service within an existing service area.

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Department/Division Representative: Martin Wilder, Utilities Manager Date: April 6, 2011

Acceptance Date: August 2, 2011

Note: A copy of this form must be posted at P&D 6 days prior to a decision on the project. Upon approval, this form must be filed with the 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 & DEVELOPMENT

DATE FILED BY CLERK OF THE BOARD