

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** 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.

**APN(s)** 081-150-042

**Case No.** Not Applicable

**LOCATION:** The subject parcel is located adjacent to the Tajiguas Landfill at 14470 Calle Real, 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Grant of Easement from the County of Santa Barbara to the Southern California Gas Company.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The County is the fee owner of APN 081-150-042. Southern California Gas ("SCG") has an easement to cross a portion of that property and has installed a gas transmission pipeline in that easement. SCG needs to expand the existing easement area to allow for needed pipeline maintenance. The additional area needed is small and is not improved. The County is not using the area in question and has no objection to granting the proposed easement.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara, Public Works, Resource Recovery and Waste Management

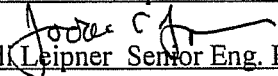
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Jodi Leipner

**EXEMPT STATUS : (Check One)**     Ministerial  
 Statutory  
 Categorical Exemption  
 Emergency Project  
 No Possibility of Significant Effect

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** 15304(e, f) (Minor Alterations to Land)

**Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):** Section 15304 exempts minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy mature, scenic trees. Examples include minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment (e) and minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored (f). The right-of-way proposed for transfer does not contain sensitive plants and does not have significant value for wildlife habitat or other environmental purposes and it is of such a size and shape that it is incapable of independent development. Temporary use of the easement area would not require the removal of any trees and the easement area would be restored following completion of the maintenance activities. Therefore, consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15304(e, f) the minor expansion of the easement area is categorically exempt from CEQA.

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Dept/Division Representative: Jodi Leipner  Senior Eng. Env. Planner    Date: 12/11/08

Acceptance Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: A copy of this form must be posted at P&D 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.

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