

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial Districts

Project Title: Laguna County Sanitation District Ordinance Amendments

**Project Description:** The action involves establishing utility rates and fees for FY 2015-2016.

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

Emergency Project

Statutory Exemption

Declared Emergency

Categorical Exemption

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): The Laguna County Sanitation District (District), a dependent special district of the County, provides wastewater collection, treatment and recycled water discharge services to customers in Orcutt and unincorporated Santa Maria valley area and is regulated by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) under Waste Discharge Requirements Order R3- 2011-0217. The service territory is located in the Third, Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts. The actions are for the annual adjustment of service charges, connection fees, and trunk line fees for the purposes of meeting operating and capital expenses, as well as for meeting financial reserve needs required to maintain services within this existing service area. The adjustment in rates is not for the construction of capital projects for the expansion of the service system. Therefore, the project is statutorily exempt from CEQA per CEQA Guidelines 15273(a)(1)-(4).

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Department/Division Representative: Martin Wilder, Utilities Manager Date: April 14, 2015

Acceptance Date: June 16, 2015

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