



# 2024 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Contact Person		Phone	
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Lead Agency		Lead Agency Email	
Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division		mforgey@countyofsb.org/jleipner@countyofsb.org	
Project Title			
Solid Waste Tipping Fees, Collection Rates and Parcel Fees for FY 2024/25 - All Supervisorial Districts			
Project Applicant	Email	Phone	
Mackenzie Forgey	mforgey@countyofsb.org	805 882-3613	
Project Applicant Address	City	State	Zip
130 E Victoria Street, Suite 100	Santa Barbara	CA	93101

**DOCUMENT BEING FILED:**

- Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR) .....
  - 2024 Filing Fee .....\$4,051.25
  - Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) ..... \$0.00
  - No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00
 Environmental Filing Fees will be collected **only** for projects that are approved. The Applicant must attest to the following:
  - This project has been approved. Date of Approval: [Click or tap to enter a date.](#)

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- Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).....
  - 2024 Filing Fee ..... \$2,916.75
  - Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) ..... \$0.00
  - No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00
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- Notice of Exemption.....\$0.00

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- County Administrative Handling Fee (**required for all filings, effective 7/19/18**) .....\$50.00

TOTAL: \$ 50.00

**PAYMENT METHOD: ALL APPLICABLE FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF FILING**

- Cash       Credit       Check # \_\_\_\_\_       Journal Entry #      **0263564**
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### References

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### Accounting

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			Total	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>								

### Signatures

<u>Signed By</u>	<u>Approval Level</u>	<u>Department/Agency-Fund Group</u>	<u>Signed On</u>	<u>Valid</u>
Kyle Houchens		054-Public Works	4/4/2024 4:01:00 PM	Y

**Attachment D**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse

**FROM:** Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management

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:** Multiple            **Case No.:** Not Applicable

**Location:** County-operated facilities (Landfill, ReSource Center, Transfer Stations and the Community Hazardous Waste Center) throughout Santa Barbara County (All Supervisorial Districts)

**Project Title:** Solid Waste Tipping Fees, Collection Rates and Parcel Fees for FY 2024/25 - All Supervisorial Districts

**Project Description:** Adoption of a resolution setting fee schedules for solid waste handling and disposal fees at County operated facilities and setting maximum solid waste collection rates in the unincorporated area.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

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

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

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

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** CEQA Guideline Section 15273. (a) (1), (2), (3) and (4) Rate, Tolls, Fares, and Charges.

**Reasons to support exemption findings:**

CEQA does not apply to the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, or other charges by public agencies which the public agency finds are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses, purchasing or leasing of supplies, equipment or material, meeting financial reserve needs and requirements or obtaining funds for capital projects, necessary to maintain service within existing service areas. Tipping fees at County solid waste

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facilities are set each year based on the actual cost of providing the service the prior fiscal year, as well as complying with the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division's long-term financial pro forma for funding of capital, regulatory compliance, and closure/post-closure requirements associated with its solid waste management system.

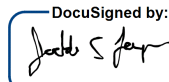
Consistent with the requirements of this exemption, the proposed fees are for the purpose of meeting ongoing operational expenses and not for system expansion except as noted below regarding the Tajiguas Landfill Capacity Increase Project which was subject to separate CEQA review. In FY 24/25 the mechanism to set the rate charged at the Tajiguas Landfill is established in the regional agreements between the County and the participating jurisdictions and in the financing documents for the construction and operation of the ReSource Center (formerly the Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project). During FY 24/25, the proposed rate will increase from \$176 to \$189 per ton. Most other rates for waste handled at County facilities are proposed to increase by an average rate of 5.43%. For the FY 24/25 franchise collection rates, the mechanism to adjust these rates is defined in each agreement. The average collection rate increase is approximately 5.39%.

As a prior capital project, the Resource Center was separately reviewed under CEQA in Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) 12EIR-00000-00002 (SCH #20122041068) and revision letter certified by the Board of Supervisors on July 12, 2016 and SEIR Addendum dated August 2017 (revised October 26 2017), considered by the Board of Supervisors on November 14, 2017 and Addendum dated August 15, 2023 considered by the Board on October 3 and November 7, 2023. Construction of this facility has been completed and the rates support continued operation of the facility.

A new capital project, the Tajiguas Landfill Capacity Increase Project, will commence construction in FY24/25 and would be funded by the facility rates revenue. This project was separately reviewed under CEQA in SEIR 23EIR-00001 (SCH #2023030563) certified by the Board of Supervisors on March 19, 2024.

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DocuSigned by:  


Department/Division Representative: Joddi Leopher, Engineering Environmental Team Leader

Date: April 10, 2024

Acceptance Date:

Date Filed by County Clerk: