

Attachment B

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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

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

The project or activity identified below is determined to not be approval or a commitment to a definite course of action and thus 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 is not required at this time.

**APN:** n/a      **Case No.:** n/a

**Location:** n/a

**Project Title:** Amend an Existing Contract with Valley Garbage and Rubbish Company, Inc., DBA Health Sanitation Services, to Process Curbside Commingled Recyclables for Residents and Businesses in Santa Barbara County

**Name of Public Agency:** County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors

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

**Project Description:** Amend an existing contract with Valley Garbage and Rubbish Company, Inc. DBA Health Sanitation Services, to process curbside commingled recyclables in the communities of the City of Solvang as well as the unincorporated areas of the Santa Ynez Valley, Lompoc Valley, and Santa Maria Valley.

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)


- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency
- Not a project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5)).

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** CEQA Section 15378(b)(5) states that a "Project does not include: Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** Health Sanitation Services,(HSS), under contract to the County, has been collecting municipal solid waste for County residents and is also been responsible for processing curbside commingled recyclables for residents and businesses in communities throughout the Santa Ynez, Lompoc, and Santa Maria Valleys. The proposed project amends the contract with HSS to address increased operational costs due to current market conditions for recycled commodities being at historic lows. Consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) amendment of the contract is administrative in nature and would not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

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