

Attachment B

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Santa Barbara County Department of Public Works, 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: NA **Case No.:** NA

Location: NA

Project Title: Agreement for Engineering Services with Bengal Engineering, Incorporated

Project Applicant: Santa Barbara County Department of Public Works, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD)

Project Description: The proposed action is to execute an agreement with Bengal Engineering, Incorporated to prepare plans, specification and engineering drawing for potential storm water drainage controls and improvements at the South Coast Recycling Center and Transfer Station (4430 Calle Real Santa Barbara, California 93110). The purpose of the action is to improve storm water management in light of the 2015 Industrial General Permit promulgated by the State Water Quality Control Board and effective July 1, 2015 and a recent settlement of litigation with a public interest group.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mark Schleich, Deputy Director, Public Works Department

Exempt Status: (Check one)

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

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, (a) "Project" means the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. (b) Project does not include: (5) Organizational or administrative activities of governmental agencies that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is the agency responsible to execute professional services contracts. The RRWMD is proposing to contract with Bengal Engineering to prepare plans, specification and engineering drawings for potential storm water drainage controls and improvements at the South Coast Recycling Center and Transfer Station

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due to new industrial storm water regulations. Approval of the contract is an administrative activity, would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment, and is therefore not a project under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

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Date: _____

Acceptance Date: _____

Date Filed with Planning and Development

Date Filed by County Clerk