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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 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, 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 Fiscal Year 2019-20

Project Description: Adoption of a resolution setting fee schedules for solid waste handling and disposal fees at County operated facilities and 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), (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. Consistent with the requirements of this exemption, the proposed fees are for the purpose of meeting ongoing operational expenses and not for system expansion. In FY 19/20 the County is changing the tipping fee for trash and commingled recyclables from \$102 to \$150 per ton. This increase is related to the multi-year pro forma prepared for the development of the Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project. As a capital project, the Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project was separately reviewed under CEQA in 12EIR-00000-00002 certified by the Board of Supervisors on July 12, 2016 and Addendum dated August 11, 2017 (revised October 26, 2017), considered by the Board of Supervisors on November 14, 2017.

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