

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Department

Based on a preliminary review of the project the following activity 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) 081-150-033

Case No. Real Property File No. 003795

LOCATION: The County of Santa Barbara is acquiring the property known as APN 081-150-033, owned by Marco and Monica Pavelka, located at 14440 Terra Vista Drive, south of the County of Santa Barbara's Tajiguas Canyon Landfill, north of Highway 101, west of Gaviota, on the Gaviota Coast.

PROJECT TITLE: Right of First Refusal to Purchase 14440 Terra Vista Drive by Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division – Pavelka Property.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Acquisition by the County of Santa Barbara of the vacant 20-acre parcel. This vacant parcel is zoned AG-II-320 to preserve the land for long-term agricultural use, though there is no active agricultural activities being conducted. The project is to also provide a vacant land buffer between the Tajiguas Landfill and the proposed Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project.

EXEMPT STATUS: Check One)

Ministerial

Statutory

Categorical Exemption

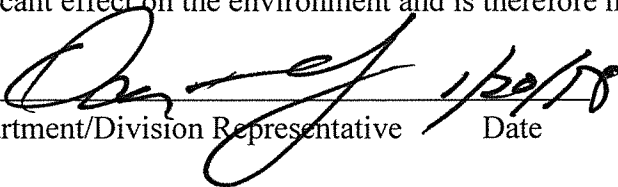
Emergency Project

No Possibility of Significant Effect (Sec. 15061 (b) (3))

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15061(b) (3). The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project is to acquire the property at 14440 Terra Vista Drive, in the unincorporated area of the County of Santa Barbara, along the Gaviota Coast,

for the establishment of a vacant land buffer and agricultural preserve between the Tajiguas Landfill and proposed Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project. The acquisition will not change the current or historic use of the subject property. The action of acquiring the property will have no possibility of significant effect on the environment and is therefore not subject to CEQA.



Department/Division Representative Date

NOTE: A copy of this document must be posted with the County's Planning and Development Department at least 6 days prior to consideration of the activity by the decision-makers to comply with County CEQA guidelines, and a copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

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