

## 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 Division

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(s): Multiple Case No.: Not Applicable

Location: Unincorporated, urbanized community of Mission Canyon (CSA 12) in the 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisorial District.

Project Title: County Service Area 12 (Mission Canyon Sewer District), Sewer Service Charges and Sewer Connection Charges -Fiscal Year 2026-2027

**Project Description:** The proposed action is to set the sewer service charges and connection charges for fiscal year 2026-2027 for County Service Area 12 (CSA 12), which serves the Mission Canyon area. The annual service charge is proposed to be set to \$337.44 per user. The revenue from this service charge funds annual operating, maintenance, and reserve costs. The connection charge is a one-time fee paid for the use of system capacity by new development, which is proposed to remain at \$5,633 per residential unit.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Public Works Department

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

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

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Guidelines (CCR Section 15273(a)(1)-(4), "Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges".

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary): CSA 12 was formed pursuant to Resolution 84-72 by the Board on February 21, 1984 in order to alleviate health and safety concerns related to poorly performing septic systems. Operationally, CSA 12 provides wastewater collection services and tracks septic system performance for residents in Mission Canyon. Operation and maintenance includes sewer system cleaning, video inspections, and capital repairs as needed. It is proposed to increase the annual sewer service charge from \$316.82 to \$337.44 per user, an annual increase of \$20.62, in order to accommodate the anticipated costs to operate the system, provide maintenance, complete repairs and fund the reserve account next year. The increase is proposed in order to cover cost escalations as well as to make up for the use of capital reserves to fund repairs in prior years. Said rates are not for the

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Resolution Relative to Collection of Said Charges on the Tax Roll - Fiscal Year 2026-2027

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expansion of the service system. Therefore, consistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15273(a) (1)-(4), the establishment of County Service Area 12 Charges and Fees for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 is exempt from CEQA.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Kevin Thompson, Civil Engineer, Specialist  
Phone #: (805) 803-8756

Department/Division Representative: Seth Shank, Environmental Compliance Manager

Date: March 18, 2026      Signature: 

Acceptance Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE FILED BY CLERK OF THE BOARD

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# 2026 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Complete this form when filing a Notice of Determination (Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental Impact Report) or Notice of Exemption.

A scanned copy of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Receipt, Transmittal Memorandum and the CEQA filing, including the date/time of posting will be emailed to the Lead Agency and Project Applicant. If you would like a return copy, please submit an extra copy along with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

Contact Person		Phone	
Lead Agency		Lead Agency Email	
Project Title			
Project Applicant	Email	Phone	
Project Applicant Address	City	State	Zip

**DOCUMENT BEING FILED:**

- Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR) .....
  - 2026 Filing Fee .....\$4,227.50
  - 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:

- Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).....
  - 2026 Filing Fee ..... \$3,043.75
  - 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:

- Notice of Exemption.....\$0.00

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

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Cash       Credit       Check # \_\_\_\_\_       Journal Entry # \_\_\_\_\_
- In person only      Ensure Workday status reflects "Posted" prior to filing



View Journal

**Journal** JE-1079082 - County of Santa Barbara California - 04/02/2026 - FY2627 CSA12 rates - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee  
**Journal Number** JE-1079082  
**Status** Posted  
**Journal Sequence Number** JR193493  
**Budget Check Status** Pass

Journal Entry Information

**Originated by** MAHER NABULSI [C]  
**Accounting Date** 04/02/2026  
**Currency** USD  
**Period** Apr-FY 2025-26 Actuals (County of Santa Barbara California)  
**Ledger** County of Santa Barbara California : Actuals  
**Journal Source** Manual Journal  
**Balancing Fund** FD-2185 CSA 12 Mission Cyn Swr Svc Chg  
**Book Code**

Journal Entry Details

**Memo** FY2627 CSA12 rates - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee  
**External Reference ID**  
**Adjustment Journal** No  
**Create Reversal** No  
**Balanced** Yes  
**Total Ledger Debits** 100.00  
**Total Ledger Credits** 100.00

As Entered

Journal Entry Lines

Journal Line	Company	Ledger Account	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Memo	External Reference ID	Spend Category	Revenue Category	Grant	Project Task	Program	Cost Center	*Fund	Additional Worktags	Interworktag Affiliate	Budget Date
Accounting Journal: County of Santa Barbara California - 04/02/2026, 7020:Services and Supplies, Debit:50, Credit:0 As Entered for Intercompany	County of Santa Barbara California	7020:Services and Supplies	50.00		FY2627 CSA12 rates - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee		SC-7650 Special Departmental Expense				PG-0548949 County Service Area 12-Mainten	CC-54612 Public Works-CSA 12 Mission Cyn Swr Svc Chg	FD-2185 CSA 12 Mission Cyn Swr Svc Chg			04/02/2026



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Accounting Journal: County of Santa Barbara California - 04/02/2026, 6300:Charges for Services, Debit:0, Credit:50 As Entered for Intercompany	County of Santa Barbara California	6300:Charges for Services		50.00	FY2627 CSA12 rates - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee			RC-5746 Administrative Revenue			PG-0124020 Clerk of the Board	CC-12000 County Executive	FD-0001 General			04/02/2026

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Accounting Journal: County of Santa Barbara California - 04/02/2026, 1000:Cash in Treasury, Debit:50, Credit:0 Activity	County of Santa Barbara California	1000:Cash in Treasury	50.00	0.00									FD-0001 General	Bank Account: z_Claim on Cash	Fund Affiliate: FD-2185 CSA 12 Mission Cyn Swr Svc Chg	
Accounting Journal: County of Santa Barbara California - 04/02/2026, 1000:Cash in Treasury, Debit:0, Credit:50 Activity	County of Santa Barbara California	1000:Cash in Treasury	0.00	50.00									FD-2185 CSA 12 Mission Cyn Swr Svc Chg	Bank Account: z_Claim on Cash	Fund Affiliate: FD-0001 General	
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Retained Earnings

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Status History

Status	Entered On	Workday Account
Created	04/02/2026 02:12:42.093 PM	Mnabulsi@countyofsb.org / MAHER NABULSI
In Progress	04/02/2026 02:13:42.666 PM	Mnabulsi@countyofsb.org / MAHER NABULSI
Reserved	04/02/2026 02:13:44.409 PM	wd-support
Posted	04/02/2026 02:43:16.052 PM	wd-support

Attachment D - 2026 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum - CSA12 Rates.pdf

**File Name** Attachment D - 2026 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum - CSA12 Rates.pdf  
**Content Type** application/pdf  
**Updated By** MAHER NABULSI [C]  
**Upload Date** 04/02/2026 02:13:42 PM  
**Comment**

Process History

Process	Step	Status	Completed On	Due Date	Person (Up to 5)	All Persons	Comment
Check Budget (Financial)	Check Budget (Financial)	Automatic Complete	04/02/2026 02:13:42 PM	04/04/2026		0	
Check Budget (Financial)	Batch/Job: Run Budget Check	Step Completed	04/02/2026 02:13:44 PM			0	
Check Budget (Financial)	Review Budget Check	Not Required		04/04/2026		0	
Check Budget (Financial)	Review Budget Check	Not Required		04/04/2026		0	
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Check Budget (Financial)	Override Budget Check	Not Required		04/04/2026		0	
Check Budget (Financial)	Service: Reserve Budget in Budget Check	Step Completed	04/02/2026 02:13:44 PM	04/04/2026	Workday Service	1	
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