

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: 059-140-023 **Case No.:** NA

Location: South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station, 4430 Calle Real, Santa Barbara 93110

Project Title: Amendment to professional services contract with Bengal Engineering for engineering services for the South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station, Second Supervisorial District

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

Project Description: The proposed project is to approve an amendment to County Board Contract BC17171 with Bengal Engineering (a local vendor) to provide civil engineering services as directed by the County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD). The scope of the original contract included plans, specifications, and engineering drawings for storm water drainage controls and improvements at the South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station (SCRTS). The SCRTS is subject to regulatory storm water management measures contained in the California State Storm Water Industrial General Permit (IGP) and subject to a Consent Decree entered into with Santa Barbara Channelkeeper. Amendment No. 1 is necessary for additional engineering design and coordination for the SCRTS Storm Drain Improvement Project to continue compliance with the IGP and Consent Decree.

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.

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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 amend the existing contract with Bengal Engineering to provide additional engineering design and coordination for the SCRTS Storm Drain Improvement Project which is being implemented due to new industrial storm water regulations. Approval of the contract amendment 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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Acceptance Date: _____

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