

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: County-owned/operated solid waste facilities, First, Second, and Third Supervisorial Districts

Project Title: Approval of an amendment to the professional services contract (Board Contract BC17257) with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. for regulatory compliance consulting services for County-owned/operated Solid Waste Facilities,

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 amendment to the existing professional services contract which allows Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. to provide various geotechnical consulting services to Public Works, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD) for solid waste management facilities operated by the County. The facilities are subject to compliance with federal and state regulations pertaining to ground and surface water resources and approval of the contract amendment will assist RRWMD in continued compliance with these regulations. The scope of the original contract provided for regulatory compliance and consulting services for two monitoring and reporting periods pertaining to ground and surface water at solid waste management facilities. Amendment No. 1 is necessary for continued services and includes three additional monitoring and reporting periods for 2018.

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 amend the existing contract with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. to provide additional geotechnical consulting services in compliance federal and state regulations for County owned and operated waste management facilities. 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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