



# 2023 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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

### DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) .....
  - 2023 Filing Fee .....\$3,839.25
  - Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) ..... \$0.00
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- Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration .....
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- Notice of Exemption ..... \$0.00

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

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 DFW 753.5a (Rev. 12/15/15) Previously DFG 753.5a

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 42 — 7/13/2016 — 001  
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LEAD AGENCY <b>County of Santa Barbara</b>	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE <b>7/13/2016</b>
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING <b>Santa Barbara</b>		DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE  
**Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project**

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME <b>County of Santa Barbara- Public Works- Jodi Leipner</b>	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER <b>(805) 882-3614</b>
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS <b>105 E Anapamu St</b>	CITY <b>Santa Barbara</b>	STATE <b>CA</b>
		ZIP CODE <b>93101</b>

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

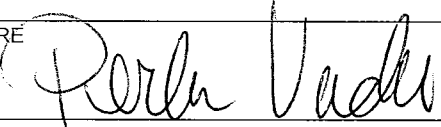
Local Public Agency     
  School District     
  Other Special District     
  State Agency     
  Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,070.00	\$	<u>3,070.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,210.25	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program document (CRP)	\$1,043.75	\$	<u>0.00</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	<u>0.00</u>
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# NOTICE OF DETERMINATION (NOD)

To: Office of Planning and Research  
 Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
 Sacramento, CA 95814  
 State.Clearinghouse@OPR.CA.GOV

U.S. Mail: P.O. Box 3044  
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

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From: County of Santa Barbara

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
 CLERK OF THE PUBLIC WORKS, Resource Recovery  
 and Waste Management  
 130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 100  
 Santa Barbara, CA 93101

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 County of Santa Barbara

*SUBJECT:*

Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Not Applicable Project Number	Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project Project Title	12EIR-00000-00002 EIR or ND Number
SCH No. 2012041068 State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to Clearinghouse)	Santa Barbara County PW RRWMD/Joddi Leipner Lead Agency/Contact Person	805-882-3614 Area Code/Telephone

**Project Applicant:** Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division

**Project Location:** The Tajiguas Landfill is approximately 1,600 feet north of U.S. Highway 101 at street address 14470 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, California 93117, Santa Barbara County.

**Project Description:**

The Resource Recovery Project would further modify current waste management operations at the Tajiguas Landfill by the addition of a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and Dry Fermentation Anaerobic Digestion (AD) Facility.

The MRF processing area would be comprised of an approximate 56,500 square foot (sf) facility (66,500 sf<sup>1</sup> if CSSR [optional element] is included) that would sort MSW into three streams:

- Recyclables (i.e., glass, metal, paper, plastic, wood) - recovered and processed for sale;
- Organics – recovered for processing in the Anaerobic Digestion Facility; and
- Residue – materials left over after all recyclables and organics are recovered that would be disposed of at the existing landfill.

The AD Facility would be housed within an approximate 63,600 sf building, and associated energy facility and percolate storage tanks that would convert all organics recovered from the MSW and SSOW into:

- Bio-gas (primarily composed of methane and CO<sub>2</sub>) – that would be used to power two (2) 1,573 horsepower onsite combined heat and power (CHP) engines driving electric power generators that would generate approximately 1+ net megawatts (MW) of renewable power continuously. The Energy Facility would be located on the south side of the AD Facility; and

<sup>1</sup> The square footage listed represents the MRF processing area (tipping floor, processing and storage, load-out) building footprint.



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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Department

Date 7/12/2016

Received from SB County Public Works

In Payment of Fish and Wildlife Fees

Three thousand seventy and and 0 Dollars \$ 3,070  
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SIGNATURE OF PAYOR

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*Patricia O.*

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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## COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

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FUND 1930 RESOURCE RECOVERY & WASTE MGT

DATE

06/17/16

VOID SIX MONTHS AFTER  
DATE ISSUED

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WILL PAY

THE SUM **Three Thousand Seventy And No/100 Dollars**

OF  
TO THE ORDER OF CALIFORNIA DEPT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
3883 RUFFIN RD  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92123  
USA

\$\*\*\*\*\* 3,070.00

*Theodore A. Fallati*

THEODORE A. FALLATI, C.P.A.  
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			Total	100.00	100.00								

## Signatures

Signed By	Approval Level	Department/Agency-Fund Group	Signed On	Valid
Kyle Houchens		054-Public Works	9/29/2023 2:23:00 PM	Y
Uzair Shakoor	Fund/Department	054-Resource Recovery	9/29/2023 2:29:17 PM	Y

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**Area Code/Telephone:** 805-882-3614

**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

**State Clearinghouse Number:** SCH No. 2012041068

**Project Title:** Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project (now referred to as the ReSource Center) Contract for Maintenance and Replacement of Material Recovery Facility Biofilter at the Tajiguas ReSource Center, County Project No. 828385

**EIR or ND Number:** Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Addendum No. 2 dated August 15, 2023 which amends the first Addendum dated 10/26/17, Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (12EIR-00000-00002, SCH#2012041068 and EIR Revision Letter and Errata dated May 27, 2016).

**Project Applicant:** Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division

**Project Location:** The project is located at the Tajiguas Landfill approximately 26 miles west of the City of Santa Barbara. The Tajiguas Landfill is approximately 1,600 feet north of U.S. Highway 101. The street address for the Tajiguas Landfill is 14470 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, California 93117, with approximately 4.48 acres of the Landfill located on a portion of the western boundary of the neighboring County-owned property (Baron Ranch, 14550 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, California 93117).

**Project Description:** The Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project (TRRP) was previously approved on July 12, 2016, along with certification of a Subsequent EIR (SEIR) on July 12, 2016, and SEIR Revision Letter and Errata dated May 27, 2016. The TRRP modified waste management operations at the Tajiguas Landfill by the addition of a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and Dry Fermentation Anaerobic Digestion (AD) Facility that sort MSW into three streams (recyclables, organics, and residue), and convert organics into biogas (primarily methane and CO<sub>2</sub>) and digestate (cured into compost/soil amendments). The MRF and AD Facility were initially approved to be located on the landfill operations deck on the west side of the landfill. An Addendum (10/26/17) to the Certified SEIR was prepared to address the following primary changes to the prior approved project:

- Relocation of the approved but unconstructed AD Facility from the approved location on the operations deck to the east side of the Landfill (east of the Composting Area) to a previously disturbed and graded area within the Landfill's permitted operational area boundary;
- Decommissioning of the existing Tajiguas Landfill Energy Project (Landfill Gas [LFG] Control System) engine and adding a new LFG Control System engine and flare as part of the TRRP, which are proposed to be located adjacent to and used by the MRF;
- Comprehensive Plan Amendment resulting in a net reduction of 51.07 acres to the Waste Disposal Facility Overlay that includes 55.55 acres of dense native vegetation (including Environmentally Sensitive Habitat area) removed from the overlay and 4.48 acres of existing Landfill operational area containing previously graded areas, a perimeter road, and drainage facilities added to the Overlay (to encompass the AD Facility site).

The County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors considered the Revised Addendum with the Final SEIR and approved revisions to the above described project on November 14, 2017.

The ReSource Center began partial operations in 2021. The Alisal Fire of October 11 – 17, 2021 impacted the Tajiguas Landfill and the ReSource Center, igniting the MRF biofilter woodchip media, causing heavy damage to the biofilter structures, air ducting, baghouse filters, support systems, scrubbers, sulfuric acid tanks (2) and ancillary systems. These systems were installed as a part of the original project description to treat odors, particulate matter (PM) and Reactive Organic Compounds (ROC) generated within the MRF building by municipal solid waste sorting, handling and storage. Since the fire the MRF has been operating under variances issued by the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (APCD). Based on air monitoring conducted during operation of the MRF under the variance it has been determined that the MRF biofilter is not needed for the control of odors. The air quality and air dispersion modeling shows that ambient air concentrations will remain within permit limits once the building air is again exhausted through the MRF baghouses. The remaining portions of the biofilters will be demolished. The baghouse filter support structures, which were damaged by the Alisal Fire, will be repaired and the two baghouses will exhaust the building air through two new separate vent stacks proposed to be constructed on the east side of the MRF in two locations adjacent to the former biofilter site. The proposed vent stacks will disperse the MRF building air collected and treated by the baghouse filters. Both stacks will be approximately 50-feet in height above existing grade. One new 54-inch diameter stack will be erected at the north end of the existing biofilter area. One new 66-inch diameter stack will be erected at the south end of the biofilter area.

Other modified project description elements include: addition of a new compost irrigations and dust control misting system; new diesel powered CMU organics screen; CMU and ADF odor misting system; modified project water demand; and new back-up diesel-fueled electrical generator.

The County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors considered the second Addendum with the first Addendum dated 10/26/17 and Final SEIR and approved revisions to the above described project on November 7, 2023.

1. The project [ will will not] have a significant effect on the environment, as prior approved and noted in the Certified SEIR on July 12, 2016, Addendum dated revised October 26, 2017 and the following findings are made for the revised project, as addressed in the Addendum dated August 15, 2023,

(1) No substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;

(2) No substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or Negative Declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; and

(3) No new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete or the Negative Declaration was adopted, shows any of the following:

(A) The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR;

(B) Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR;

(C) Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or

(D) Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

2.  An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the Provisions of CEQA, and pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15164 two Addendums to the SEIR were prepared to address the project revisions.  A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project, and no new mitigation measures or changes to previously adopted mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the revised project.

ReSource Center (formerly Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project)

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4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project, and no new mitigation measures or changes to previously adopted mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the revised project; therefore, no revisions to the mitigation reporting or monitoring plan are required.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for the project, and no additional statement of Overriding Considerations were required or adopted for the revised project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. No revisions to the original findings are required.

This is to certify that the Addendums to the Final SEIR, the Final SEIR with comments and responses, and record of project approval is available to the general public at the address below, as well as electronically at the links provided below:

<https://santabarbara.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx>

and

<https://www.countyofsb.org/1165/Environmental-Documents>

Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division  
130 East Victoria Street, Suite 100, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

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Signature (Public Agency)

Date

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