

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Public Health Department/Environmental Health Services Division  
Public Works Department/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(s) : Not Applicable Case No.: Not Applicable

Location: Mission Canyon Sewer District, Mission Canyon area, unincorporated Santa Barbara County.

Project Title: County Service Area 12 (Mission Canyon Sewer District), Resolution Relative to Septic Management Administration Charges on the Tax Roll - First Supervisorial District.

Project Description: Adoption of a resolution establishing the septic system management charges for County Service Area 12 (Mission Canyon Sewer District) and provision for collection on the Tax Rolls for Fiscal Year 2011/2012.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Public Health Department/Environmental Health Services Division

- Exempt Status:** (Check one)  
 Ministerial  
 Statutory Exemption  
 Categorical Exemption  
 Emergency Project  
 Declared Emergency

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

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary): CEQA does not apply to the approval of rates for the purpose of meeting operating expenses or for obtaining funds necessary to maintain service within an existing service area. The proposed action would continue existing rates to maintain existing service levels for septic system management. No new capital improvements that would expand existing service levels would be funded by continuation of the existing rates.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jennifer Bernstein, Director (805) 681-4900

Department/Division Representative: Joddi Leipner, Env. Planner Date: June 10, 2011

Acceptance Date: July 12, 2011

Note: A copy of this form must be posted at P&D 6 days prior to a decision on the project. Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

DATE POSTED AT PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

DATE FILED BY COUNTY CLERK

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