

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Santa Barbara County 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: 081-150-042 **Case No.:** Not Applicable

Location: Tajiguas Landfill, 14470 Calle Real, Goleta, California 93117

Project Title: Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill Ridgeline Tank Rehabilitation Phase 2

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

Project Description: The proposed project involves removing and replacing the interior and exterior coating of the Tajiguas Landfill 225,000 gallon Ridgeline Tank No. 3, and exterior coating of 470,000 gallon Ridgeline Tank No. 2. This project is required to extend the service life of the tanks. The tanks store non-potable water that is used by County Operations for dust control in the active areas of the landfill.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County

Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project: Travis Spier, Operations Manager, RRWMD

Exempt Status:

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

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guidelines Section: [cite section number and brief description or title of the exemption] Section 15301 - Existing Facilities

Reasons to support exemption findings: [discuss reasons for the exemption]

The Tajiguas Landfill is permitted under Solid Waste Facility Permit 42-AA-0015 and has been analyzed under CEQA in 01-EIR-05 certified by the Board of Supervisors on August 13, 2002 and several CEQA Guidelines 15162 determinations, 15164 addendums and subsequent EIRs. Use of

infrastructure to support operation of the landfill including water storage is included in those environmental documents. CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1 exemption) consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use.

Consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 the Ridgeline Tank Rehabilitation Phase 2 project would repair existing water tanks used at the Tajiguas Landfill that provide storage for water from water supply wells, and non-potable water collected by the landfill's groundwater interceptor trench. The tanks are subject to corrosion and damage due to weather and periodic maintenance is required to extend the service life of the tanks. The repair work would not result in any change or expansion of the use. The tanks would be accessed by existing roads and no additional ground disturbance would occur. Staging for the repair activities would occur immediately adjacent to the tanks in previously graded and disturbed areas.

The proposed project does not involve unusual circumstances, including future activities, resulting in or which might reasonably result in significant impacts which threaten the environment. The exceptions to the categorical exemptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines are:

- (a) Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.**

The project is within the scope of a Class 1 exemption; therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (b) Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.**

No other tank repair projects are proposed; therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (c) Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.**

Maintenance activities at the Tajiguas Landfill are covered under a Habitat Conservation Plan and Incidental Take Permit issued by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The tank repairs are in upland areas distant from stormwater features where California red-legged

frog and southwestern pond turtles have historically been observed. However, California red-legged frogs can disperse through upland areas (primarily at night, during wet weather). Compensatory mitigation has been required as a part of the HCP/ITP and repair activities would be required to comply with HCP/ITP avoidance and minimization measures. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (d) **Scenic Highways.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.

U.S. 101 in the vicinity of the Landfill is designated as a Scenic Highway. However, the repair work is on existing tanks and would not result in any new damage to scenic or historic resources. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (e) **Hazardous Waste Sites.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

The tanks subject to the repair work are located on the Tajiguas Landfill property which includes a Class III municipal solid waste landfill. The tanks are located on ridgelines outside of the permitted waste footprint. The landfill is not listed as a hazardous waste site. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (f) **Historical Resources.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The project involves repairs at existing tank sites. No new ground disturbance is proposed. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jamie Reyes, Civil Engineer

Phone #: (805) 882-3625

Department/Division Representative: Joddi ^{Joddi S Jr} Leipner, Senior Engineering Environmental Planner

Date: June 12, 2023

Acceptance Date: _____

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____



2023 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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

You will need to submit one original for posting plus one copy for the Department of Fish & Wildlife. A scanned copy 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 Jamie Reyes/Joddi Leipner		Phone 805-882-3625/3614	
Lead Agency SB County PW RRWMD		Lead Agency Email jleipner@countyofsb.org	
Project Title Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill Ridgeline Tank Rehabilitation Phase 2			
Project Applicant Jamie Reyes	Email jreyes@countyofsb.org	Phone 805.882.3625	
Project Applicant Address 130 E Victoria Street, Suite 100	City Santa Barbara	State CA	Zip 93101

DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2023 Filing Fee	\$3,839.25
<input type="checkbox"/> Previously Paid (must attach receipt)	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> No Effect Determination (must be attached)	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2023 Filing Fee	\$2,764.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Previously Paid (must attach receipt)	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> No Effect Determination (must be attached)	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Administrative Handling Fee (required for all filings, effective 7/19/18)	\$50.00

TOTAL: **\$ 50.00**

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

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Journal Entry

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References

Audit Trail: Cash Type: I - Interfund

Accounting

Fund	Dept	GL Acct	LI Acct	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Prog	OUnit	Proj	Act	Area	Equip	Depositor	Description
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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	6/9/2023 10:17:35 AM	Y



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2023 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/23) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
 42 — 07/18/2023 — 192
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY Santa Barbara County PW RRWMD	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL jleipner@countyofsb.org	DATE 07/18/2023
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE
 Tajiguas Sanitary Landfill Ridgeline Tank Rehabilitation Phase 2

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Jamie Reyes	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL jreyes@countyofsb.org	PHONE NUMBER (805) 882-3625
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 100	CITY Santa Barbara	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93101

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,839.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,764.00	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,305.25	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash Credit Check Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE <i>X Katherine Douglas</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Katherine Douglas, Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):

- Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- Mail filing fees for CRP document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a **No Effect Determination** signed by CDFW, also:

- Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental filing fee is due).*

Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) *(Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))*

- Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental filing fee is due).*

Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- ✓ A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- ✓ A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
- ✓ A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

DOCUMENT RETENTION

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

RECEIPT NUMBER

- # The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
- # The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
- # The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.

Mail to:

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 Accounting Services Branch
 P.O. Box 944209
 Sacramento, California 94244-2090