NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:

Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Directors

FROM:

Public Works Department, Laguna County Sanitation District

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): Multiple

Case No.: Not Applicable

Location: Unincorporated Santa Maria area in the 3rd Supervisorial District

Project Title: Resolution to initiate annexation to Laguna County Sanitation District

Project Description: The action involves filing an application to LAFCO to annex territory to the Laguna County Sanitation District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: <u>Board of Directors, Laguna County Sanitation District</u> Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: <u>Laguna County Sanitation District</u>

Exempt Status: (Check one)	
Ministerial	Emergency Project
$\sqrt{}$ Statutory Exemption	Declared Emergency
Categorical Exemption	

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Guidelines (CCR Section 15378(b) (5).

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary): The Laguna County Sanitation District (District), a dependent special district of the County, provides wastewater collection and treatment services to customers in Orcutt and unincorporated Santa Maria area. Customers of the district must typically be located within the district's service area. This action performs a governmental administrative action by adopting a resolution to initiate annexation proceedings that allows the application to be filed with the Santa Barbara Local Area Formation Commission. Therefore, the action is categorically exempt from CEQA per 14CCR 15378(b)(5).

Lead Agency Contact Person: Martin Wilder, Utilities Manager Phone #: (805) 739-8755

Department/Division Representative: <u>Martin Wilder, Utilities Manager</u> Date: <u>April 1, 2014</u> Acceptance Date:

Note: A copy of this form must be posted at P&D 6 days prior to a decision on the project. Upon approval, this form must be filed with the 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 CLERK OF THE BOARD	