

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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: Orcutt and unincorporated areas of the Santa Maria Valley in the 4th and 5th Supervisorial Districts

Project Title: Laguna County Sanitation District, Service Charges, Connection Charges, and Trunk Sewer Fees; Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts

Project Description: The action involves establishing sewer service charges, connection charges, and trunk sewer fees for fiscal year 2026-2027.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Board of Directors, Laguna County Sanitation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Laguna County Sanitation District

Exempt Status: (Check one)

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

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

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, treatment and recycled water discharge services to customers in Orcutt and unincorporated Santa Maria valley area and is regulated by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) under Waste Discharge Requirements Orders R3-2020-020 and WQ 2016-0068-DDW. The service territory is located in the Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts.

The actions are for the annual adjustment of service charges, connection charges, and trunk line fees for the purposes of meeting operating and capital expenses, as well as for meeting financial reserve needs required to maintain services within this existing service area. The sewer service charge is proposed to increase by approximately 2.4% for single family dwellings, 2.4% for multi-family, whereas commercial is billed based on water usage and schools based on per capita counts, to meet a required overall revenue adjustment of 3.0%. For a typical single family residential user this is an increase of \$11.19 per year for an annual amount of \$1,206.19. For reference, the annual average 2025 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim area published by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics was 3.2% for 2025.

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Adjustments to the connection charge and trunk sewer fees are based on the appropriate index as noted. The adjustment in charges and fees are not for the construction of capital projects for the expansion of the service system. Therefore, the project is statutorily exempt from CEQA per CEQA Guidelines Section 15273(a)(1)-(4).

Lead Agency Contact Person: Kevin Thompson, LCSD Manager Phone #: (805) 803-8756

Department/Division Representative: Seth Shank, Environmental Compliance Manager

Date: March 18, 2026

Signature: 

Acceptance Date:

DATE FILED BY CLERK OF THE BOARD



2026 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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<p>Complete this form when filing a Notice of Determination (Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental Impact Report) or Notice of Exemption.</p> <p>A scanned copy of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Receipt, Transmittal Memorandum and the CEQA filing, 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.</p>			
Contact Person		Phone	
Lead Agency		Lead Agency Email	
Project Title			
Project Applicant	Email	Phone	
Project Applicant Address	City	State	Zip

DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - 2026 Filing Fee\$4,227.50
 - Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) \$0.00
 - No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00

Environmental Filing Fees will be collected **only** for projects that are approved. The Applicant must attest to the following:

 - This project has been approved. Date of Approval:

- Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).....
 - 2026 Filing Fee \$3,043.75
 - Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) \$0.00
 - No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00

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

TOTAL: _____

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

- Cash Credit Check # _____ Journal Entry # _____
- In person only Ensure Workday status reflects "Posted" prior to filing



View Journal

Journal JE-1079079 - County of Santa Barbara California - 04/02/2026 - FY2627 LCSD rates - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee
Journal Number JE-1079079
Status Posted
Journal Sequence Number JR193487
Budget Check Status Pass

Journal Entry Information

Originated by MAHER NABULSI [C]
Accounting Date 04/02/2026
Currency USD
Period Apr-FY 2025-26 Actuals (County of Santa Barbara California)
Ledger County of Santa Barbara California : Actuals
Journal Source Manual Journal
Balancing Fund FD-2870 Laguna Sanitation
Book Code

Journal Entry Details

Memo FY2627 LCSD rates - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee
External Reference ID
Adjustment Journal No
Create Reversal No
Balanced Yes
Total Ledger Debits 100.00
Total Ledger Credits 100.00

As Entered

Journal Entry Lines

Journal Line	Company	Ledger Account	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Memo	External Reference ID	Spend Category	Revenue Category	Grant	Project Task	Program	Cost Center	*Fund	Additional Worktags	Interworktag Affiliate	Budget Date
Accounting Journal: County of Santa Barbara California - 04/02/2026, 7020:Services and Supplies, Debit:50, Credit:0 As Entered for Intercompany	County of Santa Barbara California	7020:Services and Supplies	50.00		FY2627 LCSD rates - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee		SC-7650 Special Departmental Expense				PG-0546200 Office Administration	CC-54560 Public Works-Laguna Sanitation	FD-2870 Laguna Sanitation	Activity: AC-054414 ADMN Administration Special Reporting: SR-0543673 ADMINISTRATION		04/02/2026



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Journal Line	Company	Ledger Account	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Memo	External Reference ID	Spend Category	Revenue Category	Grant	Project Task	Program	Cost Center	*Fund	Additional Worktags	Interworktag Affiliate	Budget Date
Accounting Journal: County of Santa Barbara California - 04/02/2026, 6300:Charges for Services, Debit:0, Credit:50 As Entered for Intercompany	County of Santa Barbara California	6300:Charges for Services		50.00	FY2627 LCSD rates - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee			RC-5746 Administrative Revenue			PG-0124020 Clerk of the Board	CC-12000 County Executive	FD-0001 General			04/02/2026

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Accounting Journal: County of Santa Barbara California - 04/02/2026, 7020:Services and Supplies, Debit:50, Credit:0 Activity	County of Santa Barbara California	7020:Services and Supplies	50.00	0.00	FY2627 LCSD rates - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee		04/02/2026	SC-7650 Special Departmental Expense				PG-0546200 Office Administration	CC-54560 Public Works-Laguna Sanitation	FD-2870 Laguna Sanitation	Activity: AC-054414 ADMN Administration Special Reporting: SR-0543673 ADMINISTRATION	
Accounting Journal: County of Santa Barbara California - 04/02/2026, 1000:Cash in Treasury, Debit:0, Credit:50 Activity	County of Santa Barbara California	1000:Cash in Treasury	0.00	50.00										FD-2870 Laguna Sanitation	Bank Account: z_Claim on Cash	Fund Affiliate: FD-0001 General
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Retained Earnings

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Accounting Journal: County of Santa Barbara California - 04/02/2026, 5025:Fund Balance-Residual, Debit:0, Credit:50 Retained Earnings	5025:Fund Balance-Residual		50.00								FD-0001 General					



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Status History

Status	Entered On	Workday Account
Created	04/02/2026 01:56:33.635 PM	Mnabulsi@countyofsb.org / MAHER NABULSI
In Progress	04/02/2026 02:03:18.501 PM	Mnabulsi@countyofsb.org / MAHER NABULSI
Reserved	04/02/2026 02:03:19.445 PM	wd-support
Posted	04/02/2026 02:38:58.911 PM	wd-support

Attachment D - 2026 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum - LCSD Rates.pdf

File Name Attachment D - 2026 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum - LCSD Rates.pdf
Content Type application/pdf
Updated By MAHER NABULSI [C]
Upload Date 04/02/2026 02:03:18 PM
Comment

Process History

Process	Step	Status	Completed On	Due Date	Person (Up to 5)	All Persons	Comment
Check Budget (Financial)	Check Budget (Financial)	Automatic Complete	04/02/2026 02:03:18 PM	04/04/2026		0	
Check Budget (Financial)	Batch/Job: Run Budget Check	Step Completed	04/02/2026 02:03:19 PM			0	
Check Budget (Financial)	Review Budget Check	Not Required		04/04/2026		0	
Check Budget (Financial)	Review Budget Check	Not Required		04/04/2026		0	
Check Budget (Financial)	Review Budget Check	Not Required		04/04/2026		0	
Check Budget (Financial)	Override Budget Check	Not Required		04/04/2026		0	
Check Budget (Financial)	Service: Reserve Budget in Budget Check	Step Completed	04/02/2026 02:03:19 PM	04/04/2026	Workday Service	1	
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Check Budget (Financial)	Review Budget Check	Not Required		04/03/2026		0	
Check Budget (Financial)	Review Budget Check	Not Required		04/03/2026		0	
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