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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Santa Barbara County Department of Public Works, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD)

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:** 081-150-019, -026,-081,and -032, 081-100-005 and 081-090-009

**Case No.:** NA

**Location:** Tajiguas Landfill and Baron Ranch, 14470 and 14550 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93117

**Project Title:** Resolution to Cease Burial of Waste at the Tajiguas Landfill after 2038; Third Supervisorial District

**Project Applicant:** Santa Barbara County Department of Public Works RRWMD

**Project Description:** The proposed action is to authorize adoption of a resolution which would clarify that the use of the Tajiguas Landfill for disposal of municipal solid waste would cease upon retirement of debt service for the ReSource Center in 2038. This action replaces Resolution 18-150 that created a policy to cease use of Tajiguas Landfill at 23,300,000 cubic yards. At the time of the adoption of Resolution 18-150 it was anticipated that the prior permitted volume was sufficient to continue landfilling operations to approximate the time period required to retire the debt service that funded the Tajiguas ReSource Center. The resolution revises the policy to establish the landfill useful life as intended.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Barbara County, Public Works Department, RRWMD

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency
- Not a Project (Section 15378 (b)(2) and (b)(5))

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, (a) "Project" means the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. (b) Project does not include: (2) Continuing administrative or maintenance activities, such as purchases for supplies, personnel-related actions, general policy and procedure making; or (5) Organizational or administrative activities of governmental agencies that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** The County is proposing to replace a resolution (Resolution 18-150) that was originally part of a settlement agreement approved in 2018. The reason for the recommended action to replace is because of changed circumstances regarding the anticipated service life of the Tajiguas Landfill. The current permitted volume of the Tajiguas Landfill that was the subject of the resolution was

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recently determined to only provide landfilling service through March 2026 and not through approximately 2038, which was the date expected when the resolution was approved and the ReSource Center publicly financed. Consistent with the CEQA finding made for the adoption of the resolution in 2018, replacing a resolution regarding limitations on the future expansion of the Tajiguas Landfill and use of Baron Ranch is not a project. Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 (b)(2) and (b)(5) replacing the resolution is part of the County's general policy and procedure making authority and is an administrative action by the Board of Supervisors that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and therefore not a project under CEQA. Replacing the resolution does not allow for an expansion of the Landfill capacity and separate environmental review, decisionmaker approval and permits are required for any project to increase the capacity and will be considered at a later date.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Martin Wilder, Interim Deputy Director, Santa Barbara County Public Works RRWMD

Phone #: 805-882-3600

Department/Division Representative:  Joddi Leipner, Senior Engineering Env. Planner  
Date: December 22, 2023

Acceptance Date (projected): January 23, 2024

Date Filed by County Clerk:

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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
1930	054	2810	8200	50.00		1200		828984	ADMN				SBCOB NOE Fee - Revise Resolution 18-150
1930		0110			50.00								SBCOB NOE Fee - Revise Resolution 18-150
0001		0110		50.00									SBCOB NOE Fee - Revise Resolution 18-150
0001	012	2710	5746		50.00	4020							SBCOB NOE Fee - Revise Resolution 18-150
Total				100.00	100.00								

**Signatures**

Signed By	Approval Level	Department/Agency-Fund Group	Signed On	Valid
Kyle Houchens		054-Public Works	12/13/2023 1:04:03 PM	Y
Gloria Alvarez	Fund/Department	054-Resource Recovery	12/13/2023 1:42:25 PM	Y



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# 2024 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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

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.

Contact Person <b>Marty Wilder/Joddi Leipner</b>	Phone <b>805 882-3605/882-3614</b>
Lead Agency <b>SB County Public Works, RRWMD</b>	Lead Agency Email <small>Jleipner@countyofsb.org/mwilder@countyofsb.org</small>
Project Title <b>Resolution to Cease Burial of Waste at the Tajiguas Landfill after 2038; Third Supervisorial District</b>	
Project Applicant <b>SB County PW RRWMD</b>	Email <b>mwilder@countyofsb.org</b>
	Phone <b>805 882-3605</b>
Project Applicant Address <b>130 E. Victoria Street, Suite 100</b>	City <b>Santa Barbara</b>
	State <b>CA</b>
	Zip <b>93101</b>

### DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR) .....
    - 2024 Filing Fee .....\$4,051.25
    - 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: Click or tap to enter a date.

- Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).....
    - 2024 Filing Fee ..... \$2,916.75
    - Previously Paid (must attach receipt) ..... \$0.00
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Notice of Exemption .....\$0.00

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

- Cash
- Credit  
In person only
- Check # \_\_\_\_\_
- Journal Entry # **JE0258802**  
In FIN send to 'COB CEQA' in CEO Dept



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

**Print** **Save**

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 42 — 01/24/2024 — 024  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SB County Public Works, RRWMD	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL jleipner@countyofsb.org	DATE 01/24/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE  
 Resolution to Cease Burial of Waste at the Tajiguas Landfill after 2038; Third Supervisorial District

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SB County PW RRWMD	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL mwilder@countyofsb.org	PHONE NUMBER (805) 882-3605
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)	\$4,051.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$	0.00

- Exempt from fee
- Notice of Exemption (attach)
  - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<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:

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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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