

Attachment B

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Santa Barbara County Department of 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: 137-120-029,147-180-23,-24,141-440-002,133-151-074,-076 and 081-150-042,-019,-026

Case No.: NA

Location: County-owned/operated solid waste facilities, First and Third Supervisorial Districts

Project Title: Professional services contract with Geosyntec Consultants Inc., for regulatory compliance consulting services for County-owned/operated solid waste facilities, First and Third Supervisorial Districts.

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

Project Description: This proposed action is the approval of a professional services contract with Geosyntec Consultants to provide regulatory compliance consulting services as directed by the County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department. The scope of regulatory compliance and consulting services is for four monitoring and reporting periods pertaining to groundwater at the Ballard Canyon Closed Landfill, Foxen Canyon Closed Landfill, New Cuyama Closed Landfill, Santa Ynez Airport Closed Landfill, and Tajiguas Landfill. County facilities are subject to compliance with federal and state regulations and approval of the agreement will assist the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD) in continued compliance with these regulations.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mark Schleich, Deputy Director, Public Works Department

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency
- Not a Project (Section 15378(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: (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 Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is the agency responsible to execute professional services contracts. The RRWMD is proposing to approve a contract with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. to provide additional regulatory compliance consulting services in compliance federal and state regulations for County owned and operated waste management facilities. Approval of the contract is an administrative activity, would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment, and is therefore not a project under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

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