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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
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**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse

**FROM:** Public Works Department, 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:** Multiple      **Case No.:** Not Applicable

**Location:** County-operated facilities (Landfill, ReSource Center, Transfer Stations and the Community Hazardous Waste Center) throughout Santa Barbara County (All Supervisorial Districts)

**Project Title:** Solid Waste Tipping Fees, Collection Rates and Parcel Fees for FY 2024/25 - All Supervisorial Districts

**Project Description:** Adoption of a resolution setting fee schedules for solid waste handling and disposal fees at County operated facilities and setting maximum solid waste collection rates in the unincorporated area.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division.

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

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

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** CEQA Guideline Section 15273. (a) (1), (2), (3) and (4) Rate, Tolls, Fares, and Charges.

**Reasons to support exemption findings:**

CEQA does not apply to the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, or other charges by public agencies which the public agency finds are for the purpose of meeting operating expenses, purchasing or leasing of supplies, equipment or material, meeting financial reserve needs and requirements or obtaining funds for capital projects, necessary to maintain service within existing service areas. Tipping fees at County solid waste

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facilities are set each year based on the actual cost of providing the service the prior fiscal year, as well as complying with the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division's long-term financial pro forma for funding of capital, regulatory compliance, and closure/post-closure requirements associated with its solid waste management system.

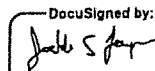
Consistent with the requirements of this exemption, the proposed fees are for the purpose of meeting ongoing operational expenses and not for system expansion except as noted below regarding the Tajiguas Landfill Capacity Increase Project which was subject to separate CEQA review. In FY 24/25 the mechanism to set the rate charged at the Tajiguas Landfill is established in the regional agreements between the County and the participating jurisdictions and in the financing documents for the construction and operation of the ReSource Center (formerly the Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project). During FY 24/25, the proposed rate will increase from \$176 to \$189 per ton. Most other rates for waste handled at County facilities are proposed to increase by an average rate of 5.43%. For the FY 24/25 franchise collection rates, the mechanism to adjust these rates is defined in each agreement. The average collection rate increase is approximately 5.39%.

As a prior capital project, the Resource Center was separately reviewed under CEQA in Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) 12EIR-00000-00002 (SCH #20122041068) and revision letter certified by the Board of Supervisors on July 12, 2016 and SEIR Addendum dated August 2017 (revised October 26 2017), considered by the Board of Supervisors on November 14, 2017 and Addendum dated August 15, 2023 considered by the Board on October 3 and November 7, 2023. Construction of this facility has been completed and the rates support continued operation of the facility.

A new capital project, the Tajiguas Landfill Capacity Increase Project, will commence construction in FY24/25 and would be funded by the facility rates revenue. This project was separately reviewed under CEQA in SEIR 23EIR-00001 (SCH #2023030563) certified by the Board of Supervisors on March 19, 2024.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jeanette Gonzales-Knight, Technical Deputy Director, RRWMD

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Department/Division Representative: Jodi Lepper, Engineering Environmental Team Leader

Date: April 10, 2024

Acceptance Date: 6/4/2024

Date Filed by County Clerk: 6/5/2024



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# 2024 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

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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>Mackenzie Forgey/Joddi Leipner</b>		Phone <b>805 882-3613/882-3614</b>	
Lead Agency Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division		Lead Agency Email mforgey@countyofsb.org/jleipner@countyofsb.org	
Project Title <b>Solid Waste Tipping Fees, Collection Rates and Parcel Fees for FY 2024/25 - All Supervisorial Districts</b>			
Project Applicant <b>Mackenzie Forgey</b>	Email <b>mforgey@countyofsb.org</b>	Phone <b>805 882-3613</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
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County Administrative Handling Fee (required for all filings, effective 7/19/18) .....\$50.00

TOTAL: \$ 50.00

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**2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
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LEAD AGENCY SB County Public Works, Resource Recovery & Waste Management	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL jleipner@countyofsb.org	DATE 06/05/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara		DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE  
 Solid Waste Tipping Fees, Collection Rates and Parcel Fees for FY 2024/25 - All Supervisorial Districts

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Mackenzie Forgey	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL mforgey@countyofsb.org	PHONE NUMBER (805) 882-3613
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		ZIP CODE 93101

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,051.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,916.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00
- 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)

- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00
- County documentary handling fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 50.00
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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