

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Public Works Department, Laguna County Sanitation District

LAGUNA COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2024-2025.

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 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).

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

Department/Division Representative: Joddi <sup>JE</sup> Leipner, Sr. Engineering Environmental Planner

Date: January 22, 2024

Acceptance Date:

DATE FILED BY CLERK OF THE BOARD

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one COUNTY  
one FUTURE

# 2024 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

105 E. Anapamu St. Room 407 ♦ Santa Barbara ♦ CA ♦ 93101

(805) 568-2240

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>Kevin Thompson, Joddi Leipner</b>		Phone <b>(805) 803-8756</b>	
Lead Agency <b>Laguna County Sanitation District</b>		Lead Agency Email kethomp@countyofsb.org; jleipner@countyofsb.org	
Project Title Laguna County Sanitation District, Service Charges, Connection Charges, and Trunk Sewer Fees; Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts			
Project Applicant <b>Laguna County Sanitation District</b>	Email kethomp@countyofsb.org; amarredondo@countyofsb.org	Phone <b>(805) 803-8756</b>	
Project Applicant Address <b>620 West Foster Road</b>	City <b>Santa Maria</b>	State <b>CA</b>	Zip <b>93455</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
  - No Effect Determination (must be attached)..... \$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 # **JE - 0261217**  
In FIN send to 'COB CEQA' in CEO Dept

## Journal Entry

Document Number: JE - 0261217      Batch ID: 2871808      Created On: 2/6/2024 4:46:29 PM  
 Document Description: CEQA COB filing fee - FY2024-25 LCSD rates      Processed On:      Created By: Angela Arredondo  
 Post On: 3/12/2024      Processed By:

### 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
2870	054	2810	7650	50.00		6200		150000	ADMN				FY2425 LCSD rates - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee
2870		0110			50.00								FY2425 LCSD rates - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee
0001		0110		50.00									FY2425 LCSD rates - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee
0001	012	2710	5746		50.00	4020							FY2425 LCSD rates - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee
			Total	100.00	100.00								

### Signatures

Signed By	Approval Level	Department/Agency-Fund Group	Signed On	Valid
Angela Arredondo	Fund/Department	054-Laguna Sanitation	2/6/2024 4:55:54 PM	Y





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**    **StartOver**    **Save**

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 42 — 05/15/2024 — 122  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY <b>Laguna County Sanitation</b>	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL kethomp@countyofsb.org; jleipner@countyofsb.org	DATE <b>05/15/2024</b>
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING <b>Santa Barbara</b>	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE

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

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME <b>Laguna County Sanitation District</b>	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL kethomp@countyofsb.org; amarredondo@countyofsb.org	PHONE NUMBER <b>(805) 803-8756</b>
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS <b>620 West Foster Road</b>	CITY <b>Santa Maria</b>	STATE <b>CA</b>
		ZIP CODE <b>93455</b>

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 | \$ | <u>0.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)                                   | \$2,916.75 | \$ | <u>0.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,377.25 | \$ | <u>0.00</u> |

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

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|---|----------|----|-------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ | <u>0.00</u>       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee   |          | \$ | <u>50.00</u>      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |          | \$ | <u>          </u> |

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash     Credit     Check     Other    **TOTAL RECEIVED**    \$ 50.00

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