

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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.

Location: Unincorporated, urbanized areas Goleta and Santa Barbara (CSA 3), in the community of Isla Vista (CSA 31), and the Santa Barbara North County Lighting District in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial Districts.

Project Title: Establishing Benefit Assessments for County Service Areas 3, 31, and the Santa Barbara North County Lighting District for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial Districts

**Project Description:** This action is to establish the benefit assessments for streetlighting services in County Service Area 3 (CSA 3) at \$24.00 per residential parcel (factored for other development types), County Service Area 31 (CSA 31) at \$12.93 per residential parcel (factored for other development types), and to not establish (set to zero) the benefit assessment for zones in the Santa Barbara North County Lighting District (SBNCLD) that have benefit assessments. These amounts remain unchanged from last year.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Public Works Department

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

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

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): Streetlights used in public road rights of way are owned and operated by the Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) in the north county and by the Southern California Edison Company (SCE) in the south county. Revenue to fund the operational costs of streetlighting comes from the County Road Fund, property taxes and benefit assessments. The Road Fund provides for streetlighting services not located within a lighting district or county service area where property taxes and benefit assessments are generated. In total, the County operates two streetlighting districts and three county service areas. Of these, County Service Area 3 (unincorporated Goleta and Santa

Barbara), County Service Area 31 (Isla Vista), and portions of the Santa Barbara North County Lighting District generate revenue from benefit assessments. Establishing the benefit assessment is required annually pursuant to the Government Code and the Streets and Highways Code and is for the purposes of meeting operating and capital expenses, as well as for meeting financial reserve needs required to maintain services within the existing service areas. Said rates are not for the expansion of the service system. Therefore, consistent with CEQA Guidelines (CCR Section 15273(a) (1)-(4)), the actions are exempt from CEQA.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Martin Wilder, Utilities Manager Phone #: (805) 803-8755

Department/Division Representative: Joddi Leipner, Sr. Engineering Environmental Planner

Date: February 27, 2023

Acceptance Date:

DATE FILED BY CLERK OF THE BOARD \_\_\_\_\_

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# CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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

You will need to submit one original for posting plus one copy for the Department of Fish & Wildlife. A scanned copy 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>Martin Wilder</b>		Phone <b>X 38755</b>	
Lead Agency <b>County Service Area 3/County Service Area 31</b>		Lead Agency Email <b>mwilder@cosbpw.net</b>	
Project Title <b>Benefit Assessments for County Service Areas 3 &amp; 31</b>			
Project Applicant <b>CSA 3/CSA 31</b>	Email <b>same as above</b>	Phone <b>same as above</b>	
Project Applicant Address <b>620 Foster Road</b>	City <b>Santa Maria</b>	State <b>CA</b>	Zip <b>93455</b>

### DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) .....
  - 2018 Filing Fee .....\$3,168.00
  - Previously Paid (must attach receipt) ..... \$0.00
  - No Effect Determination (must be attached)..... \$0.00

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- Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration .....
  - 2018 Filing Fee .....\$2,280.75
  - Previously Paid (must attach receipt) ..... \$0.00
  - No Effect Determination (must be attached)..... \$0.00

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- Notice of Exemption ..... \$0.00

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- County Administrative Handling Fee (required for all filings)..... \$50.00

TOTAL: \$ 50.00

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

Cash     Check # \_\_\_\_\_     Journal Entry # JE 0244485

# Journal Entry

Document Number: JE - 0244485  
 Document Description: CEQA COB filing fee - FY2023-24 streetlighting  
 Post On: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Batch ID: 2743397  
 Created On: 1/30/2023 9:23:52 AM  
 Processed On: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Created By: Angela Arredondo  
 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
2120	054	2810	7650	25.00		0041							FY2324 CSA 3 rate - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee
2220	054	2810	7650	25.00		0052							FY2324 CSA 31 rate - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee
2120		0110			25.00								FY2324 CSA 3 rate - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee
2220		0110			25.00								FY2324 CSA 31 rate - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee
0001		0110		50.00									FY2324 rates - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee
0001	012	2710	5746		50.00	4020							FY2324 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 1/30/2023 9:30:31 AM Y



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2023 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/23) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 42 — 05/10/2023 — 124  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY CSA3/CSA 31	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL mwilder@cosbpw.net	DATE 05/10/2023
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara <input type="checkbox"/>		DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE

Benefit Assessments for County Service Areas 3 & 31

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CSA3/CSA 31	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL mwilder@cosbpw.net	PHONE NUMBER (805) 683-8755
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 620 Foster Road	CITY Santa Maria	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93455

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)  | \$3,839.25 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)                                   | \$2,764.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,305.25 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <br>  |            |    |      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee   |            |    |      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)                                    |            |    |      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)                                      |            |    |      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 | \$ | 0.00  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee   |          | \$ | 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |          | \$ |       |

PAYMENT METHOD:

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

SIGNATURE x	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Chelsea Lenzi, Deputy Clerk
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**NOTICE**

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

**COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE**

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

**COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS**

**Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):**

- Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- Mail filing fees for CRP document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a **No Effect Determination** signed by CDFW, also:

- Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental filing fee is due).*

**Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) (Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))**

- Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental filing fee is due).*

Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

**The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:**

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- ✓ A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- ✓ A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
- ✓ A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

**DOCUMENT RETENTION**

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

**RECEIPT NUMBER**

- # The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
- # The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
- # The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

**DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.**

**Mail to:**

California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
 Accounting Services Branch  
 P.O. Box 944209  
 Sacramento, California 94244-2090