

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works Department – Resource Recovery and Solid Waste Management Division

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) : Not Applicable Case No.: Not Applicable

Location: Landfills and Transfer Stations operated/owned by Santa Barbara County (All Supervisorial Districts)

Project Title: Solid Waste Tipping Fees, Collection Rates and Parcel Fees for Fiscal Year 2011-12

Project Description: Adoption of a resolution setting fee schedules for solid waste handling and disposal fees at County facilities and solid waste collection rates in the unincorporated area. Adoption of a resolution setting the Parcel Fee schedule for the Cuyama Valley for 2011-12.

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)-(4) Rate, Tolls, Fares, and Charges.

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary)
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. The proposed project would provide for a change in rates to maintain existing service levels for solid waste collection and disposal at County facilities countywide and meet financial reserve requirements consistent with the requirements of this statutory exemption. No new capital improvements that would expand existing service levels would be funded by the modification of the rates.

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Department/Division Representative: Joddi S. Jayne Joddi Leipner Sr. Eng. Env. Planner Date: May 16, 2011

Acceptance Date: _____

DATE POSTED AT PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

DATE FILED BY COUNTY CLERK

Note: A copy of this form must be posted at P&D 6 days prior to a decision on the project. Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.