

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse

FROM: Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and 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.

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 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Supervisorial Districts.

Project Title: Establishing Benefit Assessments for County Service Areas 3, 31, and the Santa Barbara North County Lighting District for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th 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: Kevin Thompson, Civil Engineer Specialist
Phone #: (805) 803-8750

Department/Division Representative: Seth Shank, Environmental Compliance Manager

Date: March 18, 2026

Signature:



Acceptance Date:

DATE FILED BY CLERK OF THE BOARD _____



2026 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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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		Phone	
Lead Agency		Lead Agency Email	
Project Title			
Project Applicant	Email	Phone	
Project Applicant Address	City	State	Zip

DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - 2026 Filing Fee\$4,227.50
 - 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:

- Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).....
 - 2026 Filing Fee \$3,043.75
 - 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: _____

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

- Cash Credit Check # _____ Journal Entry # _____
- In person only Ensure Workday status reflects "Posted" prior to filing



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Journal JE-1079074 - County of Santa Barbara California - 04/02/2026 - FD-2120 & 2220 FY2627 CSA 3 rate - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee
Journal Number JE-1079074
Status Posted
Journal Sequence Number JR193462
Budget Check Status Pass

Journal Entry Information

Originated by MAHER NABULSI [C]
Accounting Date 04/02/2026
Currency USD
Period Apr-FY 2025-26 Actuals (County of Santa Barbara California)
Ledger County of Santa Barbara California : Actuals
Journal Source Manual Journal
Balancing Fund FD-2185 CSA 12 Mission Cyn Swr Svc Chg
Book Code

Journal Entry Details

Memo FD-2120 & 2220 FY2627 CSA 3 rate - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee
External Reference ID
Adjustment Journal No
Create Reversal No
Balanced Yes
Total Ledger Debits 150.00
Total Ledger Credits 150.00

As Entered

Journal Entry Lines

Journal Line	Company	Ledger Account	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Memo	External Reference ID	Spend Category	Revenue Category	Grant	Project Task	Program	Cost Center	*Fund	Additional Worktags	Interworktag Affiliate	Budget Date
Accounting Journal: County of Santa Barbara California - 04/02/2026, 7020:Services and Supplies, Debit:25, Credit:0 As Entered for Intercompany	County of Santa Barbara California	7020:Services and Supplies	25.00		FD-2120 FY2627 CSA 3 rate - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee		SC-7650 Special Departmental Expense				PG-0540041 County Service Area 3 - Lighti	CC-54603 Public Works-CSA 3 Unincorp Goleta Valley	FD-2120 CSA 3 Unincorp Goleta Valley			04/02/2026



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Status History

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In Progress	04/02/2026 01:53:17.562 PM	Mnabulsi@countyofsb.org / MAHER NABULSI
Reserved	04/02/2026 01:53:24.703 PM	wd-support
Created	04/02/2026 01:54:29.815 PM	Mnabulsi@countyofsb.org / MAHER NABULSI
In Progress	04/02/2026 01:54:29.935 PM	Mnabulsi@countyofsb.org / MAHER NABULSI
Reserved	04/02/2026 01:54:33.711 PM	wd-support
Posted	04/02/2026 02:27:47.683 PM	wd-support

Attachment H - 2026 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum - Streetlighting.pdf

File Name Attachment H - 2026 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum - Streetlighting.pdf
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Updated By MAHER NABULSI [C]
Upload Date 04/02/2026 01:54:29 PM
Comment

Process History

Process	Step	Status	Completed On	Due Date	Person (Up to 5)	All Persons	Comment
Check Budget (Financial)	Check Budget (Financial)	Automatic Complete	04/02/2026 01:53:17 PM	04/04/2026		0	
Check Budget (Financial)	Batch/Job: Run Budget Check	Step Completed	04/02/2026 01:53:24 PM			0	
Check Budget (Financial)	Review Budget Check	Not Required		04/04/2026		0	
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Check Budget (Financial)	Review Budget Check	Not Required		04/04/2026		0	
Check Budget (Financial)	Override Budget Check	Not Required		04/04/2026		0	
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