

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Santa Barbara County Department of Public Works, 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:** NA      **Case No.:** NA

**Location:** NA

**Project Title:** Bid Waiver Request for Purchase of a Morbark Grinder for the Public Works Department, Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division Refuse Facilities

**Project Applicant:** Santa Barbara County Department of Public Works, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD)

**Project Description:** The proposed action is a request for a bid waiver to purchase one Morbark Grinder with a Lease Purchase option as well as establish a contract for grinder maintenance, repairs and parts. Pursuant to County Code Section 2-39, the Board may waive the competitive bidding requirement where the vendor has a contract through the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) of which the County of Santa Barbara is a member.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Travis Spier, Operations Manager, Public Works Department

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency
- Not a Project (Section 15378(b)(2))

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, (a) "Project" means the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. (b) Project does not include: (2) Continuing administrative or maintenance activities, such as purchases for supplies, personnel-related actions, general policy and procedure making.

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** The RRWMD operates the Tajiguas Landfill, the Santa Ynez Valley Recycling and Transfer Station and the South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station. RRWMD currently owns and operates a portable Morbark Grinder at these facilities. The purpose of said grinder is to grind green and wood materials into mulch products allowing for its diversion from the landfill and use for beneficial purposes on site such as alternative daily cover and erosion control.

