



# 2025 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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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) .....
- ☐ 2025 Filing Fee .....\$4,123.50
- ☐ 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: [Click or tap to enter a date.](#)

- ☐ Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).....
- ☐ 2025 Filing Fee ..... \$2,968.75
- ☐ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## References

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## Accounting

Fund	Dept	GL Acct	LI Acct	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Prog	OUnit	Proj	Act	Area	Equip	Depositor	Description
1930	054	2810	7460	50.00		1950		195002	ADMN				SBCOB NOE Fee - FY 2025-26 Fee Schedules
1930		0110			50.00								SBCOB NOE Fee - FY 2025-26 Fee Schedules
0001		0110		50.00									SBCOB NOE Fee - FY 2025-26 Fee Schedules
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			Total	100.00	100.00								

## Signatures

Signed By	Approval Level	Department/Agency-Fund Group	Signed On	Valid
Kyle Houchens		054-Public Works	3/27/2025 10:40:31 AM	Y

**Attachment D**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

**FROM:** Public Works Department, 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:** Multiple                      **Case No.:** Not Applicable

**Location:** County-operated facilities (Landfill, Transfer Stations and the Community Hazardous Waste Center) throughout Santa Barbara County (All Supervisorial Districts)

**Project Title:** Solid Waste Tipping Fees, Maximum Franchised Collection Rates, and New Cuyama Parcel Fees for FY 2025/26 - All Supervisorial Districts

**Project Description:** Adoption of a resolution setting fee schedules for solid waste handling and disposal fees at County operated facilities, and setting maximum franchised solid waste collection rates in the unincorporated area.

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), (2) (3), and (4) Rate, Tolls, Fares, and Charges.

**Reasons to support exemption findings:**

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 supplies, equipment, or materials, meeting financial reserve needs and requirements and obtaining funds for capital projects, necessary to maintain service within existing service areas. Tipping fees at County solid waste facilities are set each year based on the actual cost of providing the service the prior fiscal year, as well as complying with the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division's long-term financial pro forma for funding its debt obligations, capital, regulatory

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compliance, and closure/post-closure requirements associated with its solid waste management system. Consistent with the requirements of this exemption, the proposed fees are for the purpose of meeting ongoing operational expenses, debt obligations and not for system expansion. In FY 25/26 the mechanism to set the rate charged at the Tajiguas Landfill is established in the regional agreements between the County and the participating jurisdictions and in the financing documents for the construction and operation of the ReSource Center (formerly the Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project). During FY 25/26, the proposed rate will increase from \$189 to \$196.50 per ton. As a capital project, the Resource Center was separately reviewed under CEQA in 12EIR-00000-00002 certified by the Board of Supervisors on July 12, 2016 and Addendum dated August 11, 2017 (revised October 26, 2017), considered by the Board of Supervisors on November 14, 2017 along with other Addendums and 15162 determinations for various project description changes. Most other rates for waste handled at County facilities are proposed to increase by an average rate of 7.28%. A new capital project, the Tajiguas Landfill Capacity Increase Project, commenced construction in FY24/25 and is largely funded by the Division's capital reserves. This project was separately reviewed under CEQA in 23EIR-00001 certified by the Board of Supervisors on March 19, 2024. For the FY 25/26 maximum franchised collection rates, the mechanism to adjust these rates is defined in each agreement. The average collection rate increase is approximately 3.54%.

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Department/Division Representative: John Viggianelli, Engineering Environmental Planner

Date: April 15, 2025

Acceptance Date:

Date Filed by County Clerk: