

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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FROM: 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.

APN(s): Multiple Case No.: Not Applicable

Location: Unincorporated, urbanized community of Mission Canyon (CSA 12) in the 1st Supervisorial District.

Project Title: County Service Area 12 (Mission Canyon Sewer District), Sewer Service Charges and Sewer Connection Charges -Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Project Description: The proposed action is to set the sewer service charges and connection charges for fiscal year 2025-2026 for County Service Area 12 (CSA 12), which serves the Mission Canyon area. The annual service charge is proposed to remain at \$316.82 per user. The revenue from this service charge funds annual operating, maintenance, and reserve costs. The connection charge is a one-time fee paid for the use of system capacity by new development, which is proposed to remain at \$5,633 per residential unit.

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): CSA 12 was formed pursuant to Resolution 84-72 by the Board on February 21, 1984 in order to alleviate health and safety concerns related to poorly performing septic systems. Operationally, CSA 12 provides wastewater collection services and tracks septic system performance for residents in Mission Canyon. Operation and maintenance includes sewer system cleaning, video inspections, and capital repairs as needed. The proposed actions are for the establishment of rates for CSA 12 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 area. Said rates are not for the expansion of the service system. Therefore, consistent with CEQA Guidelines section

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County Service Area 12 (Mission Canyon Sewer District), Sewer Connection Charges, Sewer Service Charges and Resolution Relative to Collection of Said Charges on the Tax Roll - Fiscal Year 2025-2026

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15273(a) (1)-(4), the establishment of County Service Area 12 Charges and Fees for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is exempt from CEQA.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Martin Wilder, Utilities Deputy
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Department/Division Representative: Jodi Leipner, Regulatory Compliance Management
Professional Senior

Date: February 10, 2025

Acceptance Date: _____

DATE FILED BY CLERK OF THE BOARD

5-14-2025

In FIN send to 'COB CEQA' in CEO Dept

Journal Entry

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References

Audit Trail: Cash Type: I - Interfund

Accounting

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0001	012	2710	5746		50.00	4020							FY2526 CSA12 rates - CEQA NOE clerk processing fee
Total				100.00	100.00								

Signatures

Signed By Approval Level Department/Agency-Fund Group Signed On Valid



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY

County Service Area 12 (Mission Canyon Sewer Service)

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL

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DATE

05/14/2025

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING

Santa Barbara

DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE

County Service Area 12, Sewer Service Charges & Sewer Connection Charges FY 2025-2026

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME

County Service Area 12

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STATE

CA

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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)	\$4,123.50	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,968.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,401.75	\$	0.00

☒ Exempt from fee

☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)

☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ 0.00

☒ County documentary handling fee \$ 50.00

☐ Other \$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☒ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE

X Katherine Douglas

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Katherine Douglas, Deputy Clerk