

ATTACHMENT 2

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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) : NA Case No.: NA

Location: Santa Barbara County

(Include street address and cross street (if urbanized area) or attach specific location map)

Project Title: Tajiguas Landfill Resource Recovery Project – Contract Amendment (extend term) for Preparation of a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report

Project Description: Approve, ratify and authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 2 to the professional services contract (BC-13-080) with the consulting firm of Padre Associates, Inc. for preparation of the Subsequent environmental impact report for the proposed Tajiguas Landfill Resource Recovery Project to extend the contract term to December 31st, 2015 at no additional cost.

(Include nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of project)

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Santa Barbara Public Works, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division

Exempt Status: (Check one)

Ministerial

Statutory Exemption

Categorical Exemption

Emergency Project

Declared Emergency

No Possibility of Significant Effect (CEQA Section 15061(b)(3))

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Section 15061(b)(3) states that “the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA”.

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary)

The proposed action is the amendment of an existing contract for preparation of the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the proposed Tajiguas Landfill Resource Recovery Project to extend the timeline for completion of the SEIR. The contract amendment is an administrative action that would not result in any impact on the environment and is required to ensure that the Tajiguas Landfill Resource Recovery Project is reviewed in compliance with CEQA. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

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Department/Division Representative: Joddi Leipner Senior Eng. Env. Planner

Date: December 29, 2014

Acceptance Date: January 20, 2015

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.

DATE POSTED AT PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

DATE FILED BY COUNTY CLERK