

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division (RRWMD)

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
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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: 059-140-023 and 133-151-087 **Case No.:** NA

Location: South Coast Recycling & Transfer Center Station 4430 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (2nd Supervisorial District); Santa Ynez Valley Recycling and Transfer Station, 4004 Foxen Canyon Rd, Los Olivos, CA 93441 (3rd Supervisorial District).

Project Title: Agreement with Mattress Recycling Council to Provide Mattress Collection Services and Payments for Units Collected at the South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station (SCRTS) and the Santa Ynez Valley Recycling and Transfer Station (SYVRTS)

Project Description: SB 254 Solid waste: used mattresses: recycling and recovery was enacted in 2013 and was created to reduce strain on local governments caused by mattress disposal and encourage mattress recycling. This legislation requires the mattress industry to create and administer a statewide recycling program. This program is funded by a \$10.50 fee collected on the sale of every mattress and box spring. In compliance with this is a state-wide mandated program. RRWMD is proposing to enter into an agreement with the Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) for mattress collection service and payment for mattress units collected at the South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station (SCRTS) and Santa Ynez Valley Recycling Station (SYVRTS). The MRC is already operating a collection location at SCRTS, but the agreement would change the method of compensation for the mattresses collected (customers would not be charged for mattress drop off and MRC would compensate RRWMD for the units collected).

The mattress collection by MRC at SYVRTS would represent a new program and would include designation of the SYVRTS as a "Collection Facility", placement of a new mattress collection container (e.g., trailer) in the existing developed area of the facility. Mattresses would be collected during permitted facility operating hours. RRWMD will collect mattresses from the public, inspect them to ensure they meet the recycling requirements, (e.g., not wet, soiled or infected) and consolidate the units into the container. Once the trailer is full, SYVRTS staff will

contact the MRC and schedule a pickup. A driver will come onto SYVRTS property and pick up the trailer and replace it with an empty one. Based on expected volumes, the pickup is expected to occur whenever the trailer is filled, and a replacement trailer is needed. Mattresses are currently collected at SYVRTS as a part of self-haul trash and are taking to the Tajiguas Landfill for disposal. Implementation of the contract and program will allow qualifying mattresses to be recycled into other products and reduce costs, preserve landfill capacity, and reduce environmental impacts associated with landfill disposal. Between 2016 and 2020, 2,094 mattress units were received at SYVRTS (average 419/year) and 20,566 units (average 3428/year) at SCRTS. Both facilities are currently operating within their permitted transfer volumes and traffic levels and though there may be an increase mattress disposal resulting from designation of the SYVRTS as a designated collection location and associated advertising, the site would continue to operate within its permitted volumes. The program would also help to address illegal dumping of mattresses and associated clean up and environmental costs.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Kaitlyn Haberlin, Program Specialist, Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division, Department of Public Works, 805-881-3603.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment) and 15311 (Accessory Structures).

Reasons to support exemption findings: CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 provides a categorical exemption from CEQA for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Section 15308 exempts actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment. Section 15311 exempts construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities.

Consistent with these categorical exemptions, the proposed project involves contracts and activities to collect mattresses at existing permitted solid waste management facilities to comply with state regulations SB 254 regarding recycling of mattresses. The collection of mattresses for recycling would occur within the existing permitted operational area of the SYVRTS and SCRTS (existing facilities) and at SYVRTS involve the placement of a collection trailer which would be appurtenant to the existing solid waste management activities. Overall, the collection agreement would help to increase the number of mattresses diverted from landfill disposal, reduce illegally dumped mattresses and increase the quantity of mattresses recovered and recycled for other products. Therefore, the agreement can be found to be categorically exempt from CEQA.

There is no substantial evidence that there are unusual circumstances (including future activities) resulting in (or which might reasonably result in) significant impacts which threaten the environment. The exceptions to the categorical exemptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines are:

- (a) Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located -- a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.**

Implementation of the contract and associated collection programs would be at existing permitted solid waste management facilities (SCRTS and SYVRTS) in existing operational areas. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (b) Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.**

Other operational changes are currently being considered at the SYVRTS. Considering the limited scope of the proposed activities, and the fact that these operation changes would be subject to a separate evaluation under CEQA, cumulative impacts are not expected. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (c) Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.**

The contracts involve collection of mattresses at existing solid waste management facilities. As a part of the prior CEQA review and "oak sanctuary" was established over unpaved portion of the SYVRTS. The new trailer would not be located within the sanctuary. No other unusual circumstances are present at the facilities that would result in a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (d) Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.**

Foxen Canyon Road, has high scenic qualities and is designated as a "Scenic Corridor in Environmental Resource Management Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Due to the intervening topography, the SYVRTS is not visible from the highway. The new trailer would not be visible from Foxen Canyon Road. In addition, the contract and associated activities would not result in damage to a scenic resource, removal of trees, rock outcropping or similar resource. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (e) Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.**

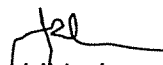
The proposed project is within SYVRTS operational area. SYVRTS is fully permitted. The project site consists of a permitted solid waste management facility and a closed Class III landfill and is not identified as a hazardous waste site. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (f) Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.**

The new trailer and collection activities would be in existing disturbed and developed areas of the SYVRTS. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Leslie Robinson, Collection and Materials Manager.

Phone #: (805) 882-3615

Department/Division Representative:  Jodi Leipner, Sr. Eng. Env. Planner

Date: October 7, 2022

Acceptance Date:

Date Filed by Clerk of the Board



2022 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Complete this form when filing a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental Impact Report or Notice of Exemption.

You will need to submit one original for posting plus one copy for the Department of Fish & Wildlife. A scanned copy 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 Joddi Leipner RRWMD		Phone X23614	
Lead Agency SB County PW, RRWMD		Lead Agency Email jleipner@countyofsb.org	
Project Title <small>Agreement with Mattress Recycling Council to Provide Mattress Collection Services and Payments for Units Collected at the South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station and the Santa Ynez Valley Recycling and Transfer Station</small>			
Project Applicant Kaitlyn Haberlin, RRWMD	Email khaberlin@countyofsb.org	Phone X23603	
Project Applicant Address E. Victoria Street, Suite 100	City Santa Barbara	State CA	Zip 93101

DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - 2022 Filing Fee\$3,539.25
 - Previously Paid (must attach receipt) \$0.00
 - No Effect Determination (must be attached)..... \$0.00

- Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration
 - 2022 Filing Fee\$2,548.00
 - Previously Paid (must attach receipt) \$0.00
 - No Effect Determination (must be attached)..... \$0.00

Notice of Exemption \$0.00

County Administrative Handling Fee (required for all filings, effective 7/19/18) \$50.00

TOTAL: \$ 50.00

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

- Cash Credit Card Check # _____ Journal Entry # JE0241737
- (in person only)



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CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/23) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:
 42 — 02/15/2023 — 019
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SB County PW, RRWMD	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL jleipner@countyofsb.org	DATE 02/15/2023
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE

Agreement with Mattress Recycling Council to Provide Matters Collection Services and Payments for Units Collected

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Kaitlyn Haberlin, RRWMD	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL khaberlin@countyofsb.org	PHONE NUMBER () X23603
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS E. Victoria Street Suite 100	CITY Santa Barbara	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93101

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR) | \$3,839.25 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) | \$2,764.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,305.25 | \$ | 0.00 |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy) | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee | | \$ | 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | \$ | |

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- Cash Credit Check Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE

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AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Brianda Negrete, Deputy Clerk



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CASH RECEIPT
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NOTICE

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):

- Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- Mail filing fees for CRP document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a **No Effect Determination** signed by CDFW, also:

- Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) (Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))

- Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- ✓ A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- ✓ A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
- ✓ A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

DOCUMENT RETENTION

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

RECEIPT NUMBER

- # The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
- # The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
- # The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.

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 Accounting Services Branch
 P.O. Box 944209
 Sacramento, California 94244-2090