NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM:

COUNTY 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 2022-2023

Project Description: The proposed action is to set the sewer service charges and connection charges for fiscal year 2022-2023 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 2022-2023

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15273(a) (1)-(4), the establishment of County Service Area 12 Charges and Fees for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 is exempt from CEQA.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Martin Wilder, Utilities Manager

Phone #: (805) 803-8755

Department/Division Representative: Joddi Leipner, Sr. Eng. Environmental Planner

Date: February 8, 2022

Acceptance Date:	
DATE FILED BY CLE	ERK OF THE BOARD



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.

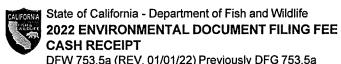
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Contact Person			Phone		
Martin Wilder; Joddi Leipner		X38755, X23614			
Lead Agency		Lead Ag	ency Email		
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Project Applicant	Email	Phone			
County Service Area 12 (Mission Canyon Sewer District)	same as above	same as above			
Project Applicant Address	City	State	Zip		
620 Foster Road	Santa Maria	CA	93455		

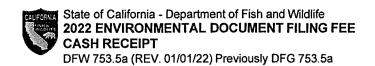
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NOTICE

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

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	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 th	ne project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW, also:
	Attach No Effect Determination to NOD (no environmental filing fee is due).
Filing	g 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.

Mail to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife Accounting Services Branch P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, California 94244-2090

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