

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Santa Barbara County Public Works Department, Laguna County Sanitation District

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: Orcutt and unincorporated areas of the Santa Maria Valley in the 4th and 5th Supervisorial Districts

Project Title: Laguna County Sanitation District, Service Charges, Connection Charges, and Trunk Sewer Fees; Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts

Project Description: The action involves establishing sewer service charges, connection charges, and trunk sewer fees for fiscal year 2023-2024.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Board of Directors, Laguna County Sanitation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Laguna County Sanitation District

Exempt Status: (Check one)

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

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): The Laguna County Sanitation District (District), a dependent special district of the County, provides wastewater collection, treatment and recycled water discharge services to customers in Orcutt and unincorporated Santa Maria valley area and is regulated by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) under Waste Discharge Requirements Order R3- 2011-0217. The service territory is located in the Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts. The actions are for the annual adjustment of service charges, connection charges, and trunk line fees for the purposes of meeting operating and capital expenses, as well as for meeting financial reserve needs required to maintain services within this existing service area. The adjustment in charges and fees are not for the construction of capital projects for the expansion of the service system. Therefore, the project is statutorily exempt from CEQA per CEQA Guidelines Section 15273(a)(1)-(4).

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Date: January 27, 2023

Acceptance Date:

DATE FILED BY CLERK OF THE BOARD
