NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM:Public Health Department/Environmental Health Services DivisionPublic Works Department/Resource Recovery and Waste Management

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) : ______ Not Applicable
 Case No.: ______ Not Applicable

 Location: Mission Canyon Sewer District, Mission Canyon area, unincorporated Santa Barbara County.

Project Title: <u>County Service Area 12 (Mission Canyon Sewer District)</u>, <u>Resolution Relative to Septic</u> <u>Management Administation Charges on the Tax Roll - First Supervisorial District</u>.

Project Description: <u>Adoption of a resolution establishing the septic system management charges for County</u> Service Area 12 (Mission Canyon Sewer District) and provision for collection on the Tax Rolls for Fiscal Year 2015/2016.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: <u>Public Health Department/Environmental Health Services</u> <u>Division</u>

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- $\sqrt{}$ Statutory Exemption
- <u>Categorical Exemption</u>
- ____ Emergency Project
- ____ Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: <u>CEQA Guideline Section 15273. (a) (1-4) Rate, Tolls,</u> <u>Fares, and Charges.</u>

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary): <u>CEQA does not apply to the</u> approval of rates for the purpose of meeting operating expenses or for obtaining funds necessary to maintain service within an existing service area. The proposed action would continue existing rates to maintain existing service levels for septic system management. No new capital improvements that would expand existing service levels would be funded by continuation of the existing rates.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Susan Klein-Rothschild, Asst Dep Director, 681-5435

Department/Division Representative: Joddi Leipner, Env. Planner Date: July 21, 2015

Acceptance Date: July 21, 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