

# Attachment B

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Directors  
FROM: 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): Not applicable Case No.: Not applicable

Location: Action to be considered at the Board hearing rooms at 105 East Anapamu Street, 4<sup>th</sup> floor and 511 East Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria

Project Title: Agreement for service of independent contractor to provide construction project management services for the Laguna County Sanitation District Phase 1 plant upgrade project.

**Project Description:** Request the Board consider approving and authorizing the chair to execute an agreement for professional services with MNS Engineers, Inc.

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
- ☐ Statutory Exemption
- ☐ Categorical Exemption
- ☐ Emergency Project
- ☐ Declared Emergency
- ☐ No Possibility of Significant Effect [15061(b)(3)]
- ☒ Not a Project [15378(b)(5)]

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: Article 20 of CEQA Guidelines provides Definitions per CCR Section defines a project pursuant the Section 15378(a) as the whole of an action, which has the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or reasonably foreseeable indirect change. Section 15378(b)(5) states, however, that a project does not include governmental administrative activities action which are political and do not physical changes in the environment.

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary): The Laguna County Sanitation District (District), is the responsible agency to execute a professional services agreement with MNS Engineers, Inc. The execution of the agreement is a governmental administrative activity and not a project by definition

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Department/Division Representative: Martin Wilder, Utilities Manager Date: September 20, 2017

Acceptance Date: November 7, 2017

Note: A copy of this form must be posted at P&D 6 days prior to a decision on the project. Upon approval, this form must be filed with the 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 CLERK OF THE BOARD