

Attachment B

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Santa Barbara County Department of Public Works, 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: NA **Case No.:** NA

Location: NA

Project Title: Board Contract as an Amendment to an Existing Purchasing Order with Gold Coast Recycling, Inc. to Process Commingled Recyclables.

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

Project Description: The proposed action is to execute an Amended Agreement with Gold Coast Recycling (a subsidiary of EJ Harrison & Sons) as an amendment to the existing Purchasing Order to process commingled recyclables collected and delivered by the County to Gold Coast's recycling facility in Ventura for the current Fiscal Year ending on June 30, 2018, not to exceed \$500,000.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mark Schleich, Deputy Director, Public Works Department

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- ☐ Ministerial
- ☐ Statutory Exemption
- ☐ Categorical Exemption
- ☐ Emergency Project
- ☐ Declared Emergency
- ☒ Not a Project (Section 15378(b)(5))

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, (a) "Project" means the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. (b) Project does not include: (5) Organizational or administrative activities of governmental agencies that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is the agency responsible to execute services contracts that cumulatively total in excess of \$100,000. For almost two decades, the processing of commingled recyclables for the South Coast of Santa Barbara County has been performed by Gold Coast Recycling (a subsidiary of EJ Harrison & Sons of Ventura, California) under an annually renewed Purchasing Order and has consistently cost less than \$100,000 per year. During the past year, the market for commingled recyclables has become more volatile due to

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new policies enacted in China in response to increased contamination of imported recyclables. As a result the current value of commingled recyclables is lower and the cost to process them is higher. Due to the anticipated increased net cost for the current fiscal year, the current Purchasing Order with Gold Coast Recycling needs to be supplemented with an Amended Agreement not exceed \$500,000. Approval of the amended contract is an administrative activity, would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment, and is therefore not a project under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).

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