## County of Santa Barbara



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Title: HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding an update on Proposed Tajiquas Resource

Recovery Project, First, Second and Third Districts, as follows: (EST. TIME: 45 MIN.)

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- ii) Present the findings of the financial evaluations to the County's Debt Advisory Committee for their consideration; and
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