

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
California Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse

FROM: Santa Barbara County 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: 081-150-019, -026 and -042 **Case No.:** Not Applicable

Location: Tajiguas Landfill, 14470 Calle Real, Goleta, California 93117

Project Title: Professional Services Agreement with Geosyntec Consultants Inc., for liquids management compliance consulting services at the County-owned and operated Tajiguas Landfill and ReSource Center, Third Supervisorial District

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

Project Description: Preparation of a feasibility study for constructing an EPA-regulated Class 1 non-hazardous disposal well to more efficiently and cost effectively provide for the disposal of impacted stormwater as well as the other waste liquids from the Tajiguas Landfill and ReSource Center.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County

Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project: Santa Barbara County Public Works, RRWMD

Exempt Status:

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

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guidelines Section: [cite section number and brief description or title of the exemption] 15262. FEASIBILITY AND PLANNING STUDIES

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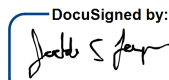
Reasons to support exemption findings: [discuss reasons for the exemption]

The Tajiguas Landfill and ReSource Center are permitted under Solid Waste Facility Permit 42-AA-0015 and have been analyzed under several environmental documents including the Tajiguas Landfill Expansion Project EIR (01-EIR-05) certified by the Board of Supervisors on August 13, 2002, the Addendum to 01-EIR-05 dated November 8, 2006 and accepted by the Board of Supervisors on December 5, 2006, the Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration and Baron Ranch Restoration Project Subsequent EIR (08-EIR-00000-00007) (SCH No. 2008201052) certified by the Board of Supervisors on May 5, 2009, and the Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (12-EIR-00000-00002) SCH #2012041068 and Subsequent EIR Revision Letter and Errata dated May 27, 2016 certified by the Board of Supervisors on July 12, 2016, Final Subsequent EIR Addendum dated August 11, 2017 (revised October 26, 2017) considered by the Board of Supervisors on November 14, 2017, and Final Subsequent EIR Addendum dated July 11, 2023 (considered by the Board of Supervisors on October 3, 2023).

Consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15262, the proposed project involves the preparation of only a feasibility study to determine the technical and permitting requirements that might be needed to construct an EPA-regulated Class 1 non-hazardous disposal well for the disposal of various waste liquids generated at the Tajiguas Landfill and ReSource Center. These liquids are currently managed onsite and/or transported off-site to approved and permitted disposal facilities. No approval or funding for the well is associated with the feasibility study and any project resulting from the feasibility study would be subject to separate CEQA review. Therefore, the proposed feasibility study can be found to be statutorily exempt from CEQA.

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