

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Merced County DPW
715 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Merced, CA 95341

County Clerk
County of: Merced
2222 M Street
Merced, CA 95340

(Address)

Project Title: SB 1383 - Mandatory Organic Waste Reduction Program Amendments

Project Applicant: Merced County Department of Public Works

Project Location - Specific:

Unincorporated Merced County

Project Location - City: Not Applicable Project Location - County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The majority of these amendments consist of minor technical corrections/adjustments, updating terminology, and providing greater specificity. The ordinance also removes the suspension on SB 1383-compliant solid waste collection service requirements, effective July 1, 2025. Lastly, the ordinance waives the requirement for solid waste collection service in low population density census tracts based on waivers approved by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). This ordinance will affect all residents in unincorporated Merced County.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Merced County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Merced County Department of Public Works

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15061 (b)(3)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____


Reasons why project is exempt:

This ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061 (b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Program amendments may have a significant effect on the environment. Households in low population density census tracts are not currently required to subscribe to solid waste collection service; under this ordinance, service will remain optional in these areas. Thus, there will be no change to existing conditions in these areas.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Nathan Bray Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (209) 385-7602

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 29 JAN 25 Title: Director of Public Works

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____