

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: County of San Diego  
Department of Environmental Health and Quality  
Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency (LEA)  
5500 Overland Ave., Suite 170  
San Diego, CA 92123

Recorder/County Clerk's office  
County of San Diego  
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**SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108(b) OR 21152(b)**

Project Name: Inland Pacific Resource Recovery LLC. Chipping and Grinding Facility,  
SWIS # 37-AA-1002

Project Location: 12152 Moreno Ave, Lakeside, CA, 92040

Project Applicant: Inland Pacific Resource Recovery LLC., 12152 Moreno Ave, Lakeside, CA, 92040  
(619) 994-2688

Project Description: Inland Pacific Resource Recovery is a permitted Registration tier chip and grind facility that will accept and process up to 400 tons per day of curbside green waste, clean construction, demolition wood waste, and green waste from landscapers and source-separated commercial sources. Accepted material is processed and stored in a manner that prevents composting. It is then sold to the landscaping industry and other commercial and noncommercial customers as mulch material in San Diego County. The facility will operate Monday to Friday from 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM and on Saturdays from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health and Quality  
Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency

County Contact Person: Jay Francis Agustin, Environmental Health Specialist (EHS)  
5500 Overland Ave, Suite 170, San Diego, CA 92123  
Telephone: (858) 585-1075

Date Form Completed: March 7, 2025

This is to advise that the County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health and Quality Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency has approved the above-described project on March 4, 2025, and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]

Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]

Statutory Exemption. C Section: 15268

Categorical Exemption. G Section:

G 15061(b)(1) - Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.

G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed permit process is defined and authorized by Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Division 7, Chapter 5, Article 3.0 – Regulatory Tier Requirements. As specified in Section 18104.7(d), the LEA is compelled to follow the procedures set forth in Sections 18104.2 and 18104.3 to review and accept an application and issue a registration permit. Accordingly, because LEA is required to issue the permit contingent on the applicant's conformity to applicable statutes, ordinances, regulations, or other fixed standards, the project approval is a ministerial action and is statutorily exempt per Section 15268 of the CEQA Guidelines.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature: Jeff Kashak Telephone: (858) 288-5740

Name: Jeff Kashak Title: Environmental Planning Manager

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego LEA.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than nine months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.