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2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
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 40-04022025-074
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LEAD AGENCY SAN LUIS OBISPO CITY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL mbuckin@slocity.org	DATE 04/02/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO		DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE
 ESTABLISHMENT OF 2025 INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE RATES AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1744

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME MEG BUCKINGHAM	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL mbuckin@slocity.org	PHONE NUMBER (805)783-7850
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		ZIP CODE 93401

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,123.50 \$ _____
 Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,968.75 \$ _____
 Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,401.75 \$ _____

- Exempt from fee
 Notice of Exemption (attach)
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ _____
 County documentary handling fee \$ _____ \$81.00
 Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash Credit Check Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** \$ _____ \$81.00

SIGNATURE x <i>Melissa Katz</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Melissa Katz, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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By mkatz, Deputy



Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: City of San Luis Obispo
Utilities Department
879 Morro Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-3218

County Clerk
County of San Luis Obispo
1055 Monterey Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Applicant: Meg Buckingham, City of San Luis Obispo
Address: 879 Morro Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
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Project Title: Establishment of 2025 Integrated Solid Waste Rates and Adoption of Ordinance No. 1744 Restating the City's Existing Solid Waste, Recycling, and Organics Franchise Agreements with San Luis Garbage Company and Ordinance No. 1745 Amending San Luis Obispo Municipal Code Section 8.04.070

Project Location - Specific: Citywide

Project Location - City: San Luis Obispo

Project Location - County: San Luis Obispo

Description of Project:

The project consists of 1) the establishment of 2025 Integrated Solid Waste Rates and 2) restatement of the City's existing solid waste, recycling, and organics franchise agreements with San Luis Garbage, and consolidation of the franchise agreements into a Discarded Materials Agreement (Agreement) that combines all services under one contract with a unified expiration date of 2038 and introduces service improvements, including: a discounted rate for qualified low-income residential customers; and an annual no cost residential cart swap; and a few no cost bulky/large item collections for residential customers; and no-cost collection of in-tact holiday trees after Christmas day. The Agreement also replaces an outdated Rate Setting Manual with a new rate adjustment methodology. The 2025 solid waste rate adjustment utilizes the new methodology, which aims to bring greater transparency, predictability, and fairness to future rate adjustments and would increase solid waste rates to maintain healthy and safe collection and disposal services for solid waste, recycling, and organic material to the community. The project also includes amendment of Municipal Code Section 8.04.070 to reduce the frequency of collecting delinquent solid waste accounts.

Name of Public Agency Approving the Project: City of San Luis Obispo

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: Meg Buckingham

Exempt Status:

- Categorical Exemption. Sections 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment)
- General Rule (Common Sense) Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

Adoption of solid waste rates, restatement of the franchise agreements and adoption of a consolidated Agreement, and the proposed municipal code amendment are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment) and 15061(b)(3) (common sense exemption). The collection and disposal of solid waste is an essential service for public health, safety, and welfare. The Agreement with San Luis Garbage Company includes mandates for compliance with state law for the disposal of multiple waste streams in a manner that ensures the protection of the environment. In addition to the protection of the environment, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of solid waste rates would have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, the actions would meet the standard for the "common sense exemption". Similarly, adoption of the ordinance to amend Section 8.04.070 of the municipal code is exempt from CEQA because such action creates no potential for causing significant effects on the environment (Section 15061(b)(3) (common sense exemption).)

Lead Agency Contact Person: Meg Buckingham **Phone:** 805-783-7850 **Email:** mbuckin@slocity.org

Signature: _____



Date: April 2, 2025

Title: Shawna Scott, Special Projects Manager