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May 8, 2025

Russ Barker
Clerk of the Board
105 East Anapamu Street, Room 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**SUBJECT: Waste Water Treatment Plant Security Fencing
SP2025-0004**

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, we are herewith filing a Notice of Exemption for the above mentioned project.

Please return a stamped copy of the Notice of Exemption in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope for our file.

Cody Graybehl

CODY GRAYBEHL, SENIOR PLANNER
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Cody Graybehl, Community Development Department

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 Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN: 113-120-034 **Project No.:** SP2025-0004

Location: 751 Black Road, Santa Maria, CA 93458

Project Title: Waste Water Treatment Plant Security Fencing

Project Applicant: City of Santa Maria Public Works Department

Project Description: The project consists of upgrading the existing fence around the perimeter of the Wastewater Treatment Plan (WWTP). It will replace ±12,200 linear feet of existing chain link and barbed wire fence sections with new 6' high industrial quality chain link fence fabric, steel framework and three (3) strands of barbed wire and approximately 1,700 linear feet along Black Road with alike fence material but 8' high. Other work includes grubbing and clearing along the fence line, reconstructing ±1,200 linear feet of existing chain link fence and installing various widths (vehicular and pedestrian) chain link gates. The work will be within the WWTP property and the City's right-of-way, with minor consented construction encroachments in the neighboring properties.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Santa Maria

Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project: Christos Stoyos

Exempt Status:

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

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guidelines Section: This is a Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) categorical exemption based on Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project would be located within an existing developed WWTP that would not expand the use at all. The proposed project does not involve unusual circumstances, including future activities, resulting in or which might reasonably result in significant impacts which threaten the environment. The exceptions to the categorical exemptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines are:

- (a) **Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.**

The project site is within an existing developed WWTP that does not contain a sensitive environment. Therefore, this exception does not apply to the project.

- (b) **Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.**

The project site would not expand the established WWTP at all and would not introduce the potential for a cumulative impact to occur. Therefore, this exception does not apply to the project.

- (c) **Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.**

The project would install fencing at an existing WWTP and no unusual circumstances are associated with the project. Therefore, this exception does not apply to the project.

- (d) **Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.**

The project site is not located adjacent to a scenic highway and would not impact a scenic highway. Therefore, this exception does not apply to the project.

- (e) **Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.**

This project site is not located on a hazardous waste site. Therefore, this exception does not apply to the project.

(f) Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

This project does not contain any historical resources. Therefore, this exception does not apply to the project.

Lead Agency Contact Person : Cody Graybehl

Phone #: (805) 925-0951 x 2552

Department/Division Representative Signature: *Cody Graybehl*

Date: May 8, 2025

Acceptance Date: _____

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____



2025 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

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Complete this form when filing a Notice of Determination (Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental Impact Report) or Notice of Exemption.

A scanned copy of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Receipt, Transmittal Memorandum and the CEQA filing, including the date/time of posting will be emailed to the Lead Agency and Project Applicant. If you would like a return copy, please submit an extra copy along with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

Contact Person		Phone	
Lead Agency		Lead Agency Email	
Project Title			
Project Applicant	Email	Phone	
Project Applicant Address	City	State	Zip

DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - 2025 Filing Fee\$4,123.50
 - Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) \$0.00
 - No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00
 Environmental Filing Fees will be collected **only** for projects that are approved. The Applicant must attest to the following:
 - This project has been approved. Date of Approval: [Click or tap to enter a date.](#)

- Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).....
 - 2025 Filing Fee \$2,968.75
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Notice of Exemption.....\$0.00

County Administrative Handling Fee (**required for all filings, effective 7/19/18**)\$50.00

TOTAL: _____

PAYMENT METHOD: ALL APPLICABLE FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF FILING

- Cash
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- Check # _____
- Journal Entry # _____
In FIN send to 'COB CEQA' in CEO Dept