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PROJECT TITLE
 BUCKEYE PROCESSING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AMENDMENT (AMEND2024-00002 / ED25-0058)

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME ARON KARDASHIAN	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL aron@sanmiguelgarbage.com	PHONE NUMBER (805)235-3554
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 6625 BENTON ROAD	CITY PASO ROBLES	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 93446
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,123.50	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,968.75	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 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)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$ _____
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COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & BUILDING

General Rule Exemption

Project Title and No.: Buckeye Processing Conditional Use Permit Amendment (AMEND2024-00002 / ED25-0058)

Project Location and APN:
6625 Benton Road
Paso Robles, CA 93446
APNs: 027-321-004 and 027-321-026

Project Applicant/Phone No./Email:
Aron Kardashian
Phone: 805-235-3554
Email: aronk@sanmiguelgarbage.com

Applicant Address (Street, City, State, Zip):
6625 Benton Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Hearing to consider a request by Aron Kardashian (Buckeye Processing) for an Amendment (AMEND2024-00002) to previously approved Conditional Use Permits (DRC2004-00046 and DRC2016-00040) to expand the project area of an existing recycling sorting and recovery facility to include a 3.25-acre outdoor storage yard on the adjacent property to the south and to authorize grading of approximately 4.75 acres. The additional storage area will be used for equipment storage; other uses and operational components of the existing facility and use permit will remain unchanged. The project will result in disturbance of approximately 4.75 acres on an approximately 5-acre parcel. The project site is located at 6625 Benton Road, approximately 2 miles north of the City of Paso Robles. The project is located within the Salinas River Sub-Area of the North County Planning Area.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of San Luis Obispo

Exempt Status/Findings:

This project is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this project may have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, the activity is not subject to CEQA. [Reference: State CEQA Guidelines sec. 15061(b)(3), General Rule Exemption].

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project is an expansion of the existing facility located immediately to the north, does not introduce any permanent structures, and is served by a roadway network that is adequate to serve the project. No additional daily trips to the facility are expected as the storage facility will store additional materials that are within the same scope as the previously permitted facility to the north. The hours of operation and processing capabilities of the existing facility will not be changing. The site is located within the Commercial Services land use designation, within the Salinas River Sub-area of the North County Planning area and is subject to the applicable sub-area standards outlined in County Code Section 22.94.080. This project, as proposed, meets all applicable community standards for development. The location is surrounded by parcels within the Commercial Services and Residential Rural land use designations, and the project is part of an existing facility on the contiguous parcel to the north, demonstrating continuity with the existing and surrounding land uses. Given the presence of development on four sides, the land has been functionally removed from agricultural production.

The project proposes to disturb approximately 4.75 acres for the creation of an outdoor storage yard, resulting in the establishment of approximately 3.18 acres of impervious area (aggregate base), as required by the County's Land Use Ordinance (LUO) for outdoor storage facilities. The LUO requires the facility to be screened along public frontages, with the project proposing metal fencing or equivalent along the Benton Road frontage, consistent with the County's LUO. Additionally, landscaping berms are proposed along the eastern frontage (Benton Road), to limit visibility from Highway 101, resulting in no significant impacts to visual resources. The project area falls within San Joaquin Kit Fox habitat, however, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife concurred with the Kit Fox Habitat Evaluation prepared for the project (Althouse and Meade, May 15, 2024), concluding that no compensatory mitigation is required as the project would have a less than significant impact to San Joaquin Kit Fox habitat.

The project will not result in the removal of any heritage oak trees or other native tree species, and there are no special status species known to exist within the immediate vicinity of the project area. Specifically, the applicant has designed the grading to avoid two (2) existing oak trees on-site, avoiding both impacts and removal. Therefore, the project will maintain compliance with local policies and ordinances protecting biological resources.

While the project location is mapped as farmland of statewide importance / prime farmland if irrigated, the project will not have a significant impact on agricultural resources because the project site is not actively used for agriculture, has not been historically farmed, and is surrounded by existing development. Specifically, the project location is surrounded by development on four sides, including an existing waste processing facility and storage yard, truck storage yard and maintenance facility, Highway 101, and residential uses with animal-based agricultural operations (potential equestrian - no grazing or crop production). There are no Williamson Act contracts, conservation easements or other agricultural preservation policies restricting the site, and the location does not function as viable agricultural production land, nor does it contribute meaningfully to regional agricultural production. In conclusion, and per the San Luis Obispo County's Agricultural Department's referral response, dated March 25, 2025, the loss of prime soils will not substantially diminish the region's agricultural resources or interfere with the agricultural operations in the vicinity.

The project is not located near a National Hydrography Dataset mapped creek or stream, associated buffer, and is not located in an area with known archaeological resources nor within an area mapped as a sensitive resource area or area of archaeological concern. No subsurface construction is proposed, therefore, impacts to cultural resources are not anticipated. In the unlikely event resources are uncovered during grading activities, implementation of County Code Section 22.10.040 (Archaeological Resources) would be required, which states:

- A. Construction activities shall cease, and the Department shall be notified so that the extent and location of discovered materials may be recorded by a qualified archaeologist, and disposition of artifacts may be accomplished in accordance with state and federal law.
- B. In the event archeological resources are found to include human remains, or in any other case when human remains are discovered during construction, the County Coroner shall be notified in addition to the Department so proper disposition may be accomplished.

The project is located within the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin (PRGWB), though not within areas of severe decline. The PRGWB has been assigned a Level of Severity (LOS) III by the 2016-2018 Resource Management

System Summary Report (most recent available report). The County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 2015-288 in 2015 to establish the Countywide Water Conservation Program (CWWCP) in response to the declining water levels in the PRGWB. A key strategy of the CWWCP is to ensure all new construction and new or expanded agriculture will offset its predicted water use by reducing existing water use on other properties within the same water basin. New development requiring a discretionary land use permit within the PRGWB is required to offset the project's net new water demand at a minimum 2:1 ratio (LUO Section 22.94.025). Pursuant to County LUO Section 22.94.082, the project is required to provide landscaping, though the landscaping must comply with the PRGWB standards per the provision that the more stringent standards apply.

Therefore, the project is required to provide automatic irrigation systems, including controllers and moisture sensors, and all plantings shall be low water using. The landscaping will require 1-3 years of irrigation to be established and will offset more than the 2:1 ratio required throughout the life of the project. The project proposes drought resistant / native landscaping and will comply with the State's Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) for water efficient landscaping, landscape design, irrigation efficiency, and water conservation. The landscaping required for establishment will include weather monitoring and controls, which are standard requirements for commercial landscaping per the California Building Code.

The project area has low potential for liquefaction and landslides based upon the County's Safety Element maps. Existing grading and drainage regulations will adequately address surface water quality impacts during construction and permanent use of the outdoor storage yard. The project will conform to the applicable General Plan and Area Plan standards, and no measures beyond those required by the County Code are necessary to address the environmental impacts associated with the proposed project.

The proposed project does not introduce new or expanded infrastructure that would induce additional growth or development, will comply with applicable development standards (i.e., stormwater management, dust control, and other best management practices [BMPs]). Therefore, the project would not result in any identifiable significant environmental effect and qualifies for a General Rule Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

Additional Information: Additional information pertaining to this notice of general rule exemption may be found on the next page of this document and by contacting the Planning and Building Department, 976 Osos St., Rm 200, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408 (805) 781-5600.

Notice of General Rule Exemption

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Pursuant to section 15061 of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the preliminary review of a project includes a determination as to whether a project is exempt from CEQA. This checklist represents a summary of this project's review for exemption.

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1. Does this project fall within any exempt class as listed in sections 15301 through 15333 of the State CEQA Guidelines?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Is there a reasonable possibility that the project could have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Is the project inconsistent with any Federal, State, or local law or administrative requirement relating to the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the project involve substantial public controversy regarding environmental issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of achieving long-term environmental goals? (A short-term impact on the environment is one which occurs in a relatively brief, definitive period of time while long-term impacts will endure well into the future.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Does the project have adverse impacts which are individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant? Cumulatively significant means that the incremental effects of an individual project are substantially adverse when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

On the basis of this initial evaluation, I find that the proposed project does not have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from CEQA.

Lead Agency Contact Person

Telephone

Signature: *Mason Denning*

Date: 5/8/2025

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

On May 8, 2025, the project was approved by:

- Board of Supervisors
- Subdivision Review Board
- Chief Building Official
- Planning Commission
- Planning Dept Hearing Officer
- Other _____