NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
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☒ County Assessor/Recorder/Clerk
Attn: Fish and Wildlife Notices
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260, MS A-33
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works
Environmental Services Unit
Attn: Annisa Busch
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, MS O-332
San Diego, CA 92123

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name:	PALOMAR TRANSFER STATION, SWIS# 37-AH-0001; REPORT OF FACILITY INFORMATION AMENDMENT
Project Location:	5920 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, CA 92008
Project Applicant:	Holly Aasen obo Republic Services 5960 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, CA 92008; (619) 717-1642
Project Description:	The proposed action is to amend the Report of Facility Information (RFI) for the existing Palomar Transfer Station. The Amendment includes grammatical changes, staffing updates, an updated list of accepted items at the buyback center, updates to the sitemap and Section 3.3 to include a compost storage area, a container welding area, and stormwater treatment equipment, and updated compliance language for SB 1383 and land application requirements.
Agency Approving Project:	County of San Diego, Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency
County Contact Person:	Catherine Dean, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist 5500 Overland Ave., Suite 170, San Diego, CA 92123 (619) 204-0702
Date Form Completed:	November 20, 2025

This is to advise that the County of San Diego San Diego County Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency has approved the above-described project on November 18, 2025 and found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

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

☐ **Categorical Exemption**: Sec. G
☐ **Declared Emergency:** Sec. C 21080(b)(3); Sec. G 15269(a)
☐ **Emergency Project:** Sec. C 21080(b)(4); Sec. G 15269(b)(c)
☐ **General**: Sec. C.
☐ **Preliminary Review**: Sec. G
☒ **Statutory Exemption**: Sec. G 15268 - Ministerial Projects

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: The Report of Facility Information amendment process is defined and authorized by 27 CCR, Division 2, Chapter 4, Article 3, Section 21665(c). As specified in Section 21665(c)(1), the LEA finds that the changes being requested are exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to 14 CCR, Chapter 3, Article 5, Section 15061(b)(1) because the project approval is a ministerial action and is statutorily exempt per Section 15268 of the CEQA Guidelines.

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

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

Name (Print): Jeff Kashak Title: Environmental Planning Manager

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

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.