State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

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LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
Goleta Water District	dbrooks@goletawater.com	11/25/2025

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
Santa Barbara	

PROJECT TITLE

Goleta Water District Ellwood Reservoir Solar Power Systems

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
Goleta Water District	dbrooks@goletawater.com	(805) 964-6761

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
4699 Hollister Ave.	Santa Barbara	CA	93110

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	$	0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$2,968.75	$	0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,401.75	$	0.00

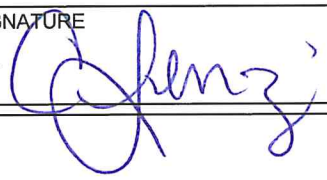
☑ Exempt from fee
- ☑ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$850.00	$	0.00
☑ County documentary handling fee		$	50.00
☐ Other		$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☑ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ 50.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X 	Chelsea Lenzi, Deputy Clerk

ORIGINAL - PROJECT APPLICANT | COPY - CDFW/ASB | COPY - LEAD AGENCY | COPY - COUNTY CLERK | DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01012025)

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NOTICE

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars ($50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):

- ☐ Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- ☐ Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- ☐ Mail filing fees for **CRP** document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a **No Effect Determination** signed by CDFW, also:

- ☐ Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) *(Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))*

- ☐ Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- ✓ A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- ✓ A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
- ✓ A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

DOCUMENT RETENTION

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

RECEIPT NUMBER

The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.

Mail to:
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Accounting Services Branch
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, California 94244-2090

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2025 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

105 E. Anapamu St. Room 407 • Santa Barbara • CA • 93101

(805) 568-2240

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
Daniel Brooks	805-964-6761
Lead Agency	**Lead Agency Email**
Goleta Water District	dbrooks@goletawater.com

Project Title

Goleta Water District Ellwood Reservoir Solar Power Systems

Project Applicant	Email	Phone	
Goleta Water District	dbrooks@goletawater.com	805-964-6761	
Project Applicant Address	**City**	**State**	**Zip**
4699 Hollister Ave	Goleta	CA	93110

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

☐ 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 Exemption.....$0.00

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

TOTAL: $ 50.00

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

☐ Cash ☐ Credit In person only ☐ Check #_____ ☐ Journal Entry #_____ In FIN send to 'COB CEQA' in CEO Dept

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Date Received for Filing:

GOLETA WATER DISTRICT

4699 HOLLISTER AVENUE
GOLETA, CALIFORNIA 93110-1999
TELEPHONE 805/964-6761
FAX 805/964-7002

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: ☐ Office of Planning and Research
Post Office Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

☒ County Clerk
County of Santa Barbara
105 Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

From: Goleta Water District
4699 Hollister Avenue
Goleta, CA 93110-1999

Project Title: Goleta Water District Ellwood Reservoir Solar Power Systems

Project Applicant: N/A

GWD Project No. 21-4656

Project Location - Specific: Ellwood Reservoir
Northern Limit of Glen Annie Road
Goleta, CA

Project Location – City: ☐ **Goleta** ☐ **Santa Barbara** ☒ **Unincorporated Area**

Project Location – County: Santa Barbara

Description of Nature & Purpose of Project: Goleta Water District (District) owns and operates Ellwood Reservoir. The District proposes to install solar energy arrays on the property to mitigate potential public safety power shutdowns and emergency impacts, as well as offset energy costs incurred by the District.

Name of Public Agency Approving and Carrying Out Project: Goleta Water District

Exempt Status:

☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268);
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b); 15269(a));
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(3); 15269(b)(c));
☒ Statutory Exemption (PRC §21080(b)(3) – Solar Energy System
☒ Categorical Exemption. Article 19, Section 15301 – Existing Facilities
☒ Categorical Exemption. Article 19, Section 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land
☒ Categorical Exemption. Article 19, Section 15311 – Accessory Structures

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: California Public Resources Code section 21080.35 was modified in 2011 pursuant to SB 226 to provide statutory exemption from the requirements of CEQA for the installation of solar energy systems associated with building rooftops and parking lots. This project will install solar energy systems that meet the criteria of PRC 21080.35.

In addition to the statutory exemption cited above, the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301: Class 1 Existing Facilities because the Project includes minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The solar arrays will be located in an area where no

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environmentally sensitive habitat exists.

The Project is exempt from CEQA under California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15304, since it consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, and minor trenching and backfilling where the surface will be restored.

The Project is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15311 – Class 11 Accessory Structures. Class 11 consists of construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities, which is applicable to this project because this project includes placement of solar arrays.

Contact Person: ☒ Daniel Brooks, Engineering & Infrastructure Manager
Telephone: (805) 879-4625

Signature: David Matson **Date:** 11/25/2025

David Matson, General Manager
Goleta Water District

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

X 2205260

COB Department

Date 11-25-25

Received from Goleta Water District

In Payment of NOE processing fee

Fifty and 00/100 Dollars $ 50.00

Received original of the above numbered receipt

CREDIT CARD	✓
CASH	
CHECK	

SIGNATURE OF PAYOR

Shirl de la Guerra

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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