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**Receipt: 26-61797**

<b>Product</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Extended</b>
FISH	CLERK FISH AND GAME FILINGS	\$50.00
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	Document #	E-202600160
	Filing Type	7
	State Fee Prev Charged	false
	No Charge Clerk Fee	false
F&G Notice of Exemption Fee		\$50.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$50.00</b>
Tender (On Account)		\$50.00
Account#	RIVWMD	
Account Name	RIVWMD - RIVERSIDE COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT	
Balance	\$450.00	



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 26-61797  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY RIVERSIDE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WASTE	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL ALIMITCHELL@RIVCO.ORG	DATE 03/03/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING RIVERSIDE		DOCUMENT NUMBER E-202600160

PROJECT TITLE  
 NOTICE OF EXEMPTION 26-01 ORDINANCE 779.26 (NOE 26-01)

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME RIVERSIDE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WASTE	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL ALIMITCHELL@RIVCO.ORG	PHONE NUMBER (951) 486-3395
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 14310 FREDERICK STREET,	CITY MORENO VALLEY	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 92553

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,227.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$3,043.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,437.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00  
 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash     Credit     Check     Other    TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00

SIGNATURE X	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Deputy                      Adrienne Ribac
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Andy Cortez, General Manager-Chief Engineer

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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

Removed: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy  


**DATE:** January 5, 2026

**TO:** County Clerk, County of Riverside

**PROJECT CASE NO/TITLE:** NOE 2026-01: County Ordinance 779.26, Amending Ordinance No. 779 - Relating to County Solid Waste Facilities and Establishing Fees

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Riverside County Owned or Contracted Sites Used for Disposal of Solid Waste

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Amendment to County Ordinance No. 779 (Project) consisting primarily of changes relating to County Solid Waste Facilities & Establishing the landfill disposal fees and other policy changes to incoming waste streams. The Department proposes to increase landfill disposal fees by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) (see Attachment A – Ordinance No. 779.26)

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:** County of Riverside (County)

**PROJECT SPONSOR:** Riverside County  
Department of Waste Resources  
(RCDWR)

The project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA, specifically by the State CEQA Guidelines as identified below. The project will not result in any specific or general exceptions to the use of categorical exemptions as detailed under State CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2. The project will not cause any impacts to scenic resources, historic resources, or unique sensitive environments. Further, no unusual circumstances or potential cumulative impacts would occur that may reasonably create a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical environmental impact.

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

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

**Section 15273, Rates, Tolls, Fares and Charges**

**Section 15061(b)(3), General Rule Exemption**

**REASONS FOR EXEMPTION:**

**Section 15061(b)(3) - General Rule Exemption**

The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

**This project is exempt under Section 15061(b)(3) because:**

The Project is to establish fees and penalties and includes the basis for operating regulations that include waste inspection, salvaging and safety. The Project will increase landfill disposal fees by the percentage change in CPI for the Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario index for the 12-month period ending January 2025. The percentage change in CPI is calculated to be 2.94%. The Project proposes to increase landfill disposal fees/rates consistent with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for certain solid waste streams. Direct haul/non-contracted rate for routine refuse, for example, is proposed to increase from the current \$51.18 per ton to \$52.68 per ton.

The Project also proposes an adjustment to the appliance rate, as well as other fee structural changes. Changes in the fee structure would not have an effect on environmental resources. Additionally, existing long-term contractual Waste Delivery Agreements, which represent approximately 90% of the total waste stream, will be adjusted.

Based upon the entire record, the Project would not result in the potential for any significant effect on the environment. This determination is an issue of fact and sufficient evidence exists in the record that the activity will not have a significant effect on the environment. As such, the exemption applies and no further evaluation under CEQA is required. See *Muzzy Ranch Co. v. Solano County Airport Land Use Comm'n* (2007) 41 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 372.

**Section 15273. Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges**

CEQA does not apply to the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, and other charges by public agencies which the public agency finds are for the purpose of:

- Meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits,
- Purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment, or materials,
- Meeting financial reserve needs and requirements,
- Obtaining funds for capital projects, necessary to maintain service within existing service areas, or
- Obtaining funds necessary to maintain such intra-city transfers as are authorized by city charter.

**This project is exempt under Section 15273 because:**

The Project involves the modification and restructuring of fees and approval of rates for the purpose of meeting operating expenses, and other inflation factors including salary increases, stricter regulatory compliance requirements and increased permitting fees. As such, due to the administrative nature of the Project, no environmental resources will be affected; therefore, the Project meets the scope and intent of Section 15273, Statutory Exemption.

**NOE 2026-01**

**County Ordinance No. 779.26, Relating to Solid Waste Facilities and Establishing Fees**

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**FINDINGS:**

1. Based upon the identified exemptions and justifications above, the RCDWR, on behalf of the County, hereby concludes that no physical environmental impacts are anticipated to occur and the Project as proposed is exempt under CEQA. No further environmental analysis is warranted.
2. The proposed Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), and statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15273.
3. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this Project would have a direct, indirect, or cumulatively significant effect on the environment; therefore, the activity is exempt under CEQA as previously identified.

If there are any questions regarding the above matter, I can be reached at (951) 486-3200.

**Andy Cortez, General Manager - Chief Engineer**  
**Riverside County Department of Waste Resources**

By: *Aliah Mitchell*  
Aliah Mitchell

Title: Associate Planner

Date: January 5, 2026

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