State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

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LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
Laguna County Sanitation District	kethomp@countyofsb.org; sshank@countyofsb.org	10/07/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
Santa Barbara	

PROJECT TITLE

Treatment Plant Pond Lining Project Award

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
Laguna County Sanitation District	kethomp@countyofsb.org; amarredondo@countyofsb.org	(805) 803-8755

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
620 West Foster Road	Santa Maria	CA	93455

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	$	0.00
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$3,043.75	$	0.00
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,437.25	$	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 Katherine Douglas	Katherine Douglas, Deputy Clerk

ORIGINAL - PROJECT APPLICANT | COPY - CDFW/ASB | COPY - LEAD AGENCY | COPY - COUNTY CLERK | DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01012026)

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2026 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	
Kevin Thompson, Seth Shank		805-803-8755	
Lead Agency		Lead Agency Email	
Laguna County Sanitation District		kethomp@countyofsb.org, sshank@countyofsb.org	
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DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

☐ Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR) .....

☐2026 Filing Fee $4,227.50

☐ 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:

☐ Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).....

☐2026 Filing Fee $3,043.75

☐ Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) $0.00

☐ No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... $0.00

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☐ This project has been approved. Date of Approval:

■ 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 # JE-1092424

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Copy: State Clearinghouse

FROM: Laguna County Sanitation District

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 and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

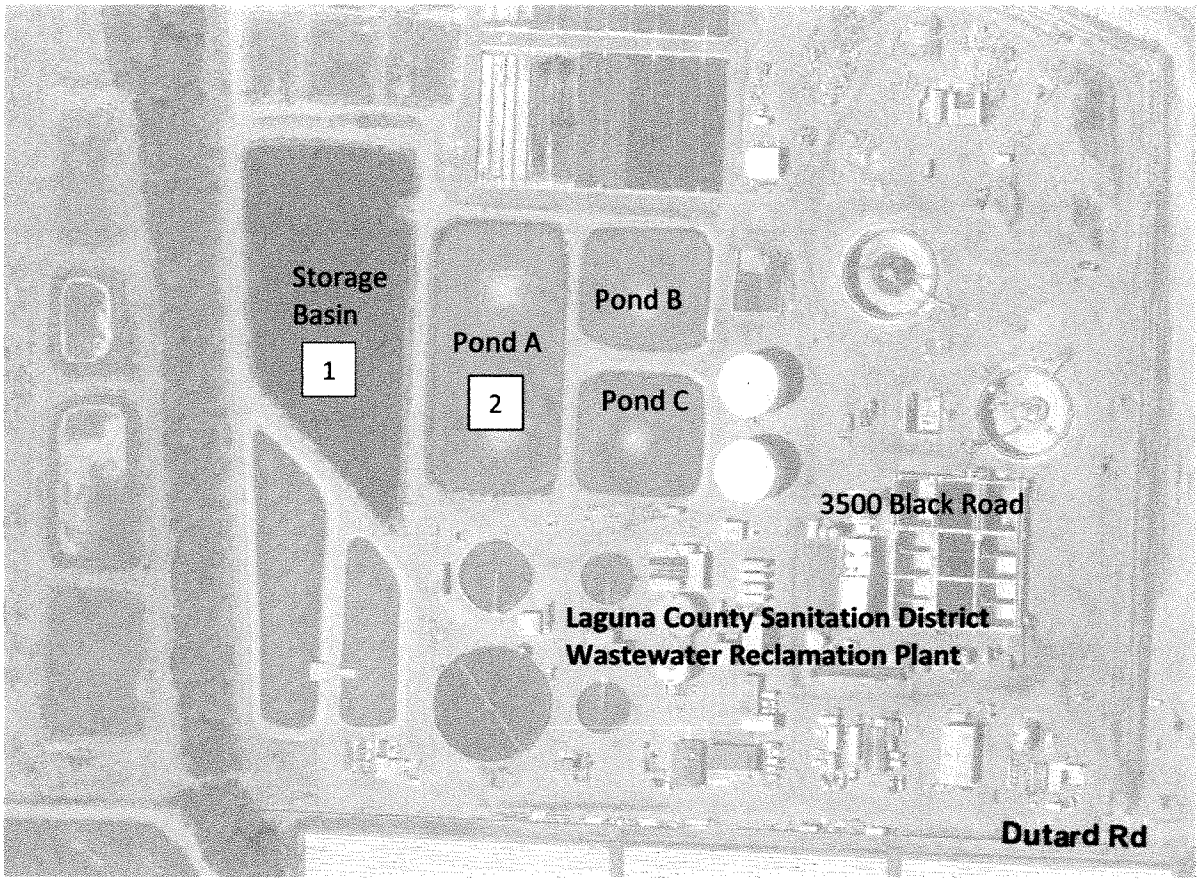
APN: 113-240-005 **Case No.**: Not Applicable

Location: 3500 Black Road. Western terminus of Dutard Road of Black Road.

Project Title: Laguna County Sanitation District Wastewater Reclamation Plant Pond Lining Project

Project Applicant: Laguna County Sanitation District

Project Description: The Laguna County Sanitation District owns and operates a wastewater reclamation plant serving the Orcutt community and the southern unincorporated Santa Maria area. The plant includes a series of ponds and tanks used to equalize variable incoming flows and support secondary and tertiary treatment processes. The project consists of taking Pond A and the Storage Basin out of service, regrading the pond bottoms, removing accumulated debris and vegetation, and installing concrete lining on the pond floors and interior side slopes. These improvements are required to comply with current Regional Water Quality Control Board regulatory criteria. No expansion of pond capacity or change in treatment function is proposed. Construction activities will occur entirely within previously disturbed areas of the existing wastewater reclamation plant.



Legend:
1 – Storage Basin, proposed to be concrete lined
2 – Pond A, proposed to be concrete lined

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Laguna County Sanitation District Board of Directors

Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project: Garrett Thiessen Construction will be performing the concrete lining under contract to LCSD. W.M. Lyles Company, Incorporated under contract to Laguna County Sanitation District will be performing the regrading of the storage basin and pond A prior to pond lining.

Exempt Status:

_____ Ministerial
_____ Statutory Exemption
X Categorical Exemption
_____ Emergency Project
_____ Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guidelines Section: Sections 15301, subdivision (a) (Existing Facilities), and 15302 (Replacement and Reconstruction) of the state CEQA Guidelines.

Reasons to support exemption findings: *Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.* CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 exempts the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use. The project consists of maintenance and minor alteration of two existing wastewater ponds by regrading and installing concrete lining. Current regulatory requirements mandate that all treatment, storage, and evaporative ponds be lined to protect groundwater and associated beneficial uses. These actions do not expand the ponds' capacity or alter their operational purpose.

Section 15302 – Replacement and Reconstruction. CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 exempts replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity. The concrete lining will replace the existing earthen pond surfaces in the same footprint and with the same operational function and is required to meet current state regulatory requirements.

Exceptions Analysis (CEQA Guidelines §15300.2)

(a) Location. Classes 1 and 2 are not subject to the location exception. The project site is within an existing wastewater treatment facility and does not contain mapped environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern.

(b) Cumulative Impacts. Recent facility upgrades (headworks and secondary treatment improvements) were evaluated under the 2018 Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (17NGD-00000-000-15). The pond lining project involves different facilities, in previously disturbed areas, and does not contribute to cumulative impacts.

(c) Significant Effect due to Unusual Circumstances. The project involves maintenance and lining of existing ponds. Although the facility is within potential dispersal habitat for California tiger salamander and California red-legged frog, all work will comply with the adopted Habitat Conservation Plan and Incidental Take Permit (TE16913C), including avoidance and minimization measures. No unusual circumstances exist that would result in a significant environmental impact.

(d) Scenic Highways. The project is not located within a designated state scenic highway corridor and does not affect scenic resources.

(e) Hazardous Waste Sites. The project site is not listed pursuant to Government Code §65962.5.

(f) Historical Resources. Work occurs within previously disturbed wastewater treatment facilities and will not affect historical resources.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Kevin Thompson, P.E., Utilities Manager

Phone #: 805-803-8755

Department/Division Representative: Seth Shank, Environmental Compliance Manager

Date: August 31, 2026 Seth Shank

Acceptance Date: 10-6-2026

Date Filed by County Clerk: 10-7-2026

Journal: JE-1092424 - County of Santa Barbara California - 09/01/2026 - Treatment Plant Pond Lining Project Award

Memo	Treatment Plant Pond Lining Project Award
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Ledger	County of Santa Barbara California : Actuals
Journal Source	Manual Journal
Create Reversal	No
Adjustment Journal	No
Balanced	Yes
Journal Entry Status	Created
Total Ledger Debits	100.00
Total Ledger Credits	100.00