

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: San Bernardino
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, 2nd Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0130

From: (Public Agency): City of Needles
817 Third Street
Needles, Ca 92363

(Address)

Project Title: Needles OHMV Staging Area Project

Project Applicant: City of Needles

Project Location - Specific:

APN 0185-233-60, City-owned parcel adjacent to the Needles Rodeo Grounds

Project Location - City: Needles Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of development of a public Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) staging area to support the City's existing OHMV route network. Improvements include construction of a paved parking area with ADA-accessible spaces, installation of a prefabricated restroom, informational kiosks and signage, fencing, landscaping, drainage improvements, utility connections, and associated site improvements. The project will provide organized parking, sanitation facilities, visitor information, and improved access management for OHMV users and visitors.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Needles

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Needles

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sections 15303 (Class 3), 15304 (Class 4) and 15332 (Class 32)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of development of a public OHMV staging area on a previously disturbed site within the incorporated City of Needles. The project includes construction of parking improvements, a prefabricated restroom, signage, fencing, landscaping, drainage facilities, utility connections, and associated site improvements. The project qualifies for categorical exemptions pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15303, 15304, and 15332. The project is located on a previously disturbed urban site, is served by existing public infrastructure and utilities, and will not result in significant impacts related to traffic, noise, air quality, water quality, biological resources, or cultural resources.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Irene Romero, City Planner Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (760) 326-2115 X127

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

Signature: _____ Date: 06/17/26 Title: City Planner

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____