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Notice of Exemption

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County Clerk
County of: Kern
115 Truxton Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93301

From: (Public Agency): City of Ridgecrest
100 W California Ave
Ridgecrest CA 93555
BY MARY B. BEDARD DEPUTY
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER-COUNTY CLERK

(Address)

2019120041

Project Title: Dolphin Avenue Renovation Project

Project Applicant: City of Ridgecrest

Project Location - Specific:
W Dolphin Ave from China Lake Blvd to College Heights Blvd in Ridgecrest, CA.

Project Location - City: Ridgecrest Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

See the attached sheet.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Ridgecrest

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Loren Culp- City Engineer

- 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: 150301(c) - Existing Facilities
 - Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

See the attached sheet.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Loren Culp Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 760-499-5082

- 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: [Signature] Date: 11-25-19 Title: City Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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: **DEC 02 2019**

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Notice of Environmental Document
Posted by County Clerk on _____
and for 30 days thereafter, Pursuant to
Section 21152(C), Public Resources Code
Revised 2011

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of the Project:

The City of Ridgecrest is proposing to pave a portion of West Dolphin Avenue from China Lake Boulevard to College Heights Boulevard. The existing roadway is unpaved, so paving this stretch of West Dolphin Avenue would improve the City's circulation and drainage system, increase accessibility and reduce safety hazards. The project would also help improve air quality in the area by reducing particulate matter generated by vehicular traffic driving on an unpaved roadway.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

15300. CATEGORICAL EXEMPTIONS

Section 21084 of the Public Resources Code requires these Guidelines to include a list of classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall, therefore, be exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

In response to that mandate, the Secretary for Resources has found that the following classes of projects listed in this article do not have a significant effect on the environment, and they are declared to be categorically exempt from the requirement for the preparation of environmental documents.

Note: Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code; Reference: Section 21084, Public Resources Code.

15301. EXISTING FACILITIES

Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The types of "existing facilities" itemized below are not intended to be all-inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class 1. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use.

Examples include but are not limited to:

(c). Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes).

The City operates and maintains the circulation system for the benefit of the City's residents and traveling public. The project includes an upgrade of the existing, unpaved portion of the roadway and replacement of a drainage culvert. This will improve both the effectiveness and efficiency of the City's circulation and drainage systems, as well as minimize the air quality and safety concerns created by the continued use of an unpaved roadway. The paved roadway will run along the same route as the existing Dolphin Avenue alignment, therefore no new alignment or right of way would be established by the project. The project will not create additional automobile lanes, as the existing unpaved portion of the road will be paved.