

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Telecommunications Section
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Project Title: CHP Statewide Advanced Planning - Acquisition

Project Location – Specific: 10 miles outside of Needles, CA

Project Location – City: Needles

Project Location – County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: California Highway Patrol proposes to acquire approximately 640 acres of property located in Section 17, Township 7 North, Range 22 East, San Bernardino Meridian, in the unincorporated area of the County of San Bernardino, California.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Highway Patrol (CHP)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Brad Tress, Project Director I,
Project Management & Development Branch, Real Estate Services Division, Department of General Services

EXEMPT STATUS: California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061 (b)(3): General Rule/Common Sense Exemption

Reason Why Project Is Exempt:

The acquisition activity is exempt under the “common sense exemption” at California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061, subdivision (b)(3). The “common sense exemption” states a project is exempt from CEQA if “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 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.” The land acquisition agreements that transfer the ownership to the State do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Any future approval of any use of the site is conditioned upon full CEQA compliance per California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15004, subdivision (b)(2)(A), which states prior to completion of CEQA compliance regarding the use of a site, “agencies may designate a preferred site for CEQA review and may enter into land acquisition agreements when the agency has conditioned the agency’s future use of the site on CEQA compliance.”

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