State of California Natural Resources Agency / Department of Conservation GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

California Environmental Quality Act

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning & Research

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Geologic Energy Management Division

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Contact: M. Meraz (916) 445-9686

Project Title: Desert Springs RV Park

Project Applicant: Desert Springs RV Park

Project Location: City of Desert Hot Springs

County: Riverside Section: 10

Township: 3 S Range/Baseline: 5E/ San Bernardino B&M

Latitude/Longitude: 33.922683 / -116.443373

Project Description:

The proposed project consists of drilling one new 'warm' water well in the geothermal zone (temp under 110F) for property owner Desert Springs RV Park. Use of the water is to be limited to a commercial spa & pool for water supply, non-potable use, wastewater to be used for irrigation of landscape.

Details on well locations can be found on CalGEM's website at: http://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/Pages/Wellfinder.aspx

Exempt Status:

As the Lead Agency, the Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), has determined that the proposed project is exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to the specified exemptions marked in the section below. CalGEM further finds that the proposed project would not result in a significant adverse impact to the environment, or that any of the exceptions to the exemptions apply (14 CCR 15300.2).

Exemption Type		Statute (PRC)	Regulation (14 CCR)	
	Statutory Exemption: ☐ Ongoing Project (pre-CEQA. Approval prior to April 5, 1973) ☐ Ministerial ☐ Declared Emergency ☐ Emergency Projects	21169 21080 (b)(1) 21080 (b)(3) 21080 (b)(4)	15261 (b) 15268 15269 (a) 15269 (b) or (c)	
₩	Categorical Exemption: □ Class 1: Existing Facilities ☑ Class 3: New Construction/Conversion of Small Structures ☑ Class 4: Minor Alterations to Land □ Class 6: Information Collection □ Class 7: Protection of Natural Resources □ Class 8: Protection of the Environment □ Class 11: Accessory Structures □ Class 21: Enforcement Actions to revoke a permit Class 30: Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate, □ or Eliminate a Release (Actual or Threat) of Hazardous Substances (Waste or Material) □ Class 33: Small Habitat Restoration Projects	21084	15301 15303 15304 15306 15307 15308 15311 15321 15330	1684.1 1684.2
	General Exemption ("common sense") Not a "Project" subject to CEQA		15061 (b)(3) 15378 (b)(2)	

<u>CEQA Exceptions to the Exemptions (14 CCR 15300.2)</u>: where project is located (e.g. sensitive environment); Cumulative Impact; Significant Effect due to Unusual Circumstances; Scenic Highways; Hazardous Waste Sites; Historical Resources.

> Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The basis for CalGEM's determination that the project is exempt from the requirements of CEQA is provided in the brief explanation below.

Class 3 – New Construction/Conversion of Small Structures: The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the "Class 3" (14 CCR §15303) exemption per the CEQA Guidelines because the project is one well, a small structure, and includes installation of small new equipment where only minor modifications are made.

Class 4 - Minor Alterations to Land: The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the "Class 4" (14 CCR 15304) exemption per the CEQA Guidelines because the project involves the minor alteration of the condition of land and/or vegetation in an RV park and does not require the removal of healthy, mature scenic trees.

Exceptions to Exemptions: CalGEM further finds that there are no exceptions to the otherwise-applicable categorical exemptions (PRC §21084; 14 CCR 15300.2(c)). There is no substantial evidence that there are any "unusual circumstances" associated with the proposed project that create a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment, and that there is no significant "cumulative impacts" resulting from successive projects of the same type in the same place. Therefore, this project is not subject to CEQA.

A copy of this NOE (as required by 14 CCR 15062(a)) and all other related materials are available for public inspection at CalGEM's CEQA Unit, located at 801 K Street, 14th floor, Sacramento, CA 95812; or an electronic copy of these documents may also be accessed online at the State Clearinghouse: https://ceganet.opr.ca.gov

Certified:	Mei A. Meras	Date:	July 8, 2020
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