

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
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Project Title: Bighorn Golf Club – Exempt Surplus Land Conveyance Chia Well Site

Project Location:

The project site is located just south of Haystack Road on Chia Drive in the City of Palm Desert (APN: 630-190-052).

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project grants existing CVWD exempt surplus land (Land) to the Big Horn Golf Club (Big Horn). The Land is 2400 square feet in size and will grant Big Horn passage and access to their adjacent well site (APN: 630-190-026). Big Horn will not construct buildings or structures or plant trees, large bushes or invasive vegetation within the Land area. CVWD will reserve access and pipeline easement within the entire portion being conveyed. The Land parcel is disturbed land in a developed urban setting with no significant habitat value. The Land parcel is not located in Conservation Area of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CVWD; Chris Bogan, Right of Way Supervisor

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Not a project: State CEQA Guidelines §15378
- ☒ Review for Exemption "Common Sense" Exemption: State CEQA Guideline §15061(b)(3)
- ☐ Ministerial (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(1)) State CEQA Guideline §15262
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guideline §15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (Pub. Res. Code §21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guideline §15269(b)(c))
- ☐ Statutory Exempt: State CEQA Guidelines § _____
- ☒ Categorically Exempt: State CEQA Guidelines §15312

Reasons why project is exempt:

State CEQA Guidelines §15312 (Surplus Government Property Sales). Class 12 consists of sales of surplus government property except for parcels of land located in an area of statewide, regional, or areawide concern identified in Section 15206(b)(4). However, even if the surplus property to be sold is located in any of those areas, its sale is exempt if:

- (a) The property does not have significant values for wildlife habitat or other environmental purposes, and
- (b) Any of the following conditions exist:
 - (1) The property is of such size, shape, or inaccessibility that it is incapable of independent development or use; or

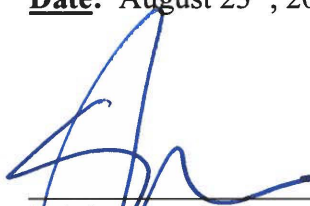
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- (2) The property to be sold would qualify for an exemption under any other class of categorical exemption in these guidelines; or
- (3) The use of the property and adjacent property has not changed since the time of purchase by the public agency.

State CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) (Review of Exception). 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 with certainty 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.

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