

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:  Mail Stop: A-33  
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FROM: Mail Stop: O-368  
County of San Diego,  
Department of General Services  
Attn: Melanie Tylke  
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 410  
San Diego, CA 92123

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**SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152**

Project Name: Regional Communications System (RCS) Black Mountain Site and Facility

Project Location: Black Mountain, San Diego, CA 92129 (APNs: 312-010-28-00 & 312-010-39-00)

Project Applicant: County of San Diego Department of General Services  
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: The proposed site and facility would upgrade the existing radio communications facility operated by the County of San Diego. The project would result in the replacement of an existing concrete foundation, construction of a new 100-ft antenna support structure, relocation of existing antenna equipment from the existing facility to the new structure, and installation of connection cables. The existing equipment shelter will continue to be utilized. This upgrade to the County's RCS provides next generation public safety interoperable communications technology that complies with the International Association of public Safety Communications Officials Project 25 standards.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

Date Form Completed: 11/17/2020

County Contact Person: Luis Santiesteban

Telephone: 858-256-2153

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors has approved the above described project on November 17, 2020 (**item # 4**) and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

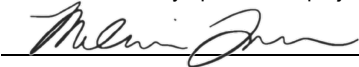
Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"):

- Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]
- Statutory Exemption. C Section:
- Categorical Exemption. G Section(s): 15301, Existing Facilities and 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
- G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan
- Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
- G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt:

Find that in accordance with the Sections 15301 and 15303 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA review because the project consists of minor alterations to existing facilities and construction of small new structures and equipment. Additionally, the project will not impact environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern that are designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted by government agencies; does not contribute to cumulative environmental impact; will not have a significant impact on the environment due to unusual circumstances; does not damage scenic resources within a designated state scenic highway; is not on the list of Hazardous Waste and Substance Sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; and does not cause adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature:  Telephone: (858) 694-8943

Name (Print): Melanie Tylke Title: Environmental Project Manager

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.