

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk  
 County of: Riverside  
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From: (Public Agency): City of Palm Desert  
73-510 Fred Waring Drive  
Palm Desert, CA 92260

(Address)

Project Title: WNG Palm Desert

Project Applicant: Western National Group

Project Location - Specific:  
 75580 Gerald Ford Drive

Project Location - City: Palm Desert Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
 The development of a 150-unit multifamily affordable housing project on a 6.82 acre site. Project consists of eight (8) apartment buildings (3 stories) and one clubhouse/recreation building (single story). Proposed are 111 2-bedroom units and 39 3-bedroom units.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Palm Desert

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Western National Group c/o Brian Gilchrist

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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:  
 Per State CEQA Guidelines Section 15183. Project consistent with the Palm Desert General Plan Update (GP Update) for which an EIR (SCH#2015081020) was certified. The GP Update EIR analyzed environmental impacts associated with implementation of GP Update and assoc. growth. Project is permitted in the zoning district where the project site is located and consistent with the land uses, density, and vision of the GP Update.

Lead Agency  
 Contact Person: Kevin Swartz, Associate Planner Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 760-776-6485

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: *Kevin Swartz* Date: 6-8-22 Title: Associate Planner

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

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: \_\_\_\_\_