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Notice of Exemption - Inyo County

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Project Title: Re-imagine the Museum

Project Applicant: Inyo County- Eastern California Museum 155 N. Grant Street,
Independence CA 93526

Applicant Phone Number: 760-878-0258

Project Location - Specific: The subject property is located at 155 N. Grant Street,
Independence.

Project Location - City: Independence, CA

Project Location - County: Inyo

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: "Re-imagine Eastern California Museum" is a three-year, multi-phase effort to bring the historic preservation and cultural interpretation of California's second largest and most isolated County up to 21st Century Museum standards. Guided by a collaborative team of established museum professionals, local representatives, and Tribal leaders, the Project uses nationally established, inclusive, best practices to develop content, reinterpret and display artifacts, and reconfigure 6,000 square feet of gallery space with multi-media exhibits and displays. The project will result in new interpretation that honors California's past and celebrates previously untold, historically under-represented Tribal and rural stories, as well as larger themes.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Inyo County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Inyo County – Eastern California
Museum

22-00043

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- General Rule (Sec. 15061(b)(3));
- Existing Facilities, (Section 15301)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Reasons why project is exempt: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the proposal is covered by Class 5, 15301 – Existing Facilities. The project will reconfigure 6,000-square feet of indoor gallery space that will result in new interpretation that honors California's past and celebrates previously untold, historically under-represented Tribal and rural stories, as well as larger themes. It will not change the footprint of the existing building or its current use; therefore, the project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15301 - Existing Facilities

Lead Agency: Inyo County

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