

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**From: (Public Agency):** California Natural Resources Agency  
715 P Street, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
 (Address)

Project Title: China Lake Relocation Project AKA STEAM Discovery Center Annex

Project Applicant: China Lake Museum Foundation

Project Location - Specific:  
 Section 34, Township 26, Range 50 East, MDM in the County of Kern, commencing at the southwest corner of said Section 34 and proceeding as defined in attached legal description prepared by county surveyor 12/5/12

Project Location – City: Ridgecrest Project Location – County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
 Construction of initial 48x60 modular building with parking lots, connections to utilities, and site improvements with subsequent construction of a permanent museum building (up to 24,000 sq. ft. built in phases) and associated site improvements and landscaping.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency  
China Lake Museum Foundation, P.O. Box 217, Ridgecrest,

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CA 93558

**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: Section 15332 (Class 32)
- Statutory Exemptions.** State Code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:  
 Project is consistent with applicable general plan designation and all general plan policies as well as applicable zoning designation and regulations. Project is within city limits on a site of no more than five acres surrounded by urban uses. The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species. Project will not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality, and the site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

Lead Agency  
 Contact Person: Nathan Little Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-902-5559

**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: Andrea Scharffer Date: 8/24/2023 Title: Deputy Assistant Secretary

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code