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**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

**COUNTY OF
SAN BERNARDINO**

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FROM: CLERK OF THE BOARD

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PROJECT TITLE: LAFCO 3262 - Annexation to the Helendale Community Services District (Lower Eastern Sphere of Influence)

PROJECT LOCATION: The annexation area encompasses 23+/- square miles generally bordered by: a combination of section lines and Chester Road to the north, a combination of section lines and Lone Star Road along the District and the City of Barstow's adjoining sphere of influence boundaries to the east, a combination of section lines, Panamint Trail, the natural extension of Palomino Road, Frontier Road, and Bonanza Trail along the District and the City of Barstow's adjoining sphere of influence boundaries as well as the District's actual boundary to the south, and a combination of section lines and Ranchito Road along the District's boundary to the west. The annexation area is within the Helendale Community Services District sphere of influence.

DESCRIPTION: The proposal is to annex the area in order to provide for: (1) solid waste and recycling services to developed properties, (2) park and recreation programs and services for the residents of the area, and (3) graffiti abatement. The District would also be in the position to extend its additional range of services (water, sewer, and streetlighting) when requested by property owners pursuing development which necessitates these services.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: Local Agency Formation Commission

AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Local Agency Formation Commission

EXEMPT STATUS AND REASONS: The Local Agency Formation Commission has determined that this proposal is exempt from environmental review since it does not have the potential for causing physical changes in the environment, directly or ultimately (Sections 15061 of the State Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act). This recommendation is based on the finding that approval of LAFCO 3262 does not appear to have any potential to significantly alter the existing physical environment since the Helendale Community Services District will simply replace existing solid waste, recycling and recreation activities that exist within the area with district provided services. Therefore, the proposal is exempt from the requirements of CEQA, as outlined in the State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061 (b)(3). Without any identifiable physical changes, this proposal does not constitute a project and is not subject to environmental review under the provisions of the State CEQA Guidelines sections cited above or the Commission's adopted CEQA Guidelines.

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DECISION DATE: November 15, 2023



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