

# 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  
 2724 Gateway Drive  
 Riverside, CA 92507

**From:** (Public Agency): City of Palm Desert  
73510 Fred Waring Drive  
Palm Desert, CA 92260  
 (Address)

Project Title: Section 29 Improvement and Expansion Project

Project Applicant: City of Palm Desert

Project Location - Specific:

West and east of Portola Avenue, immediately adjacent and south of the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way.

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The City proposes to improve and expand its existing retention basin on the west side of Portola Avenue (extended), and connect it to and improve the existing mid-Valley channel. The channel will connect to two retention ponds, located in the future City park within the approved Millennium Specific Plan.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Palm Desert.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Lucero Leyva, Public Works Department

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: 15302
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

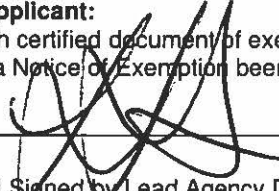
Reasons why project is exempt:

The project will reconstruct an existing drainage basin and channel. No substantial change in purpose will occur: the basin and channel were designed to carry storm flows generated to the south, and carry them easterly. This project will improve flows and further protect this portion of the City. Finally, that portion of the channel and the easterly ponds were previously analyzed in the Millennium Specific Plan MND.

Lead Agency  
 Contact Person: Lucero Leyva Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 760-776-6465

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:  Date: 12/15/2023 Title: Project Manager

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: \_\_\_\_\_