

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Mail Stop: A-33
ARCC-Recorder
Attn: Karina Ortiz
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101
 State Clearinghouse

FROM: Mail Stop: 0-368
County of San Diego,
Department of General Services
Attn: Marcus Lubich
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 410
San Diego, CA 92123

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name: Approval of Lease for the Sheriff's Department, Boucher Hill Communication Site

Project Location: Nate Harrison Grade, Pauma Valley, CA 92061 (APN 134-010-06)

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of General Services
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: The Lease would allow for the continued use of a vault area of approximately twenty (20) square feet for five (5) communications vault rack spaces (#21, 22, 23, 24 and 25) and sixteen (16) square feet of floor space for a battery plant and charger together with six (6) antenna spaces (#7, 9, 25, 26, 42 and 49) consisting of four (4) OMNI and one (1) 3' MICROWAVE and one (1) 4' MICROWAVE antennas situated on the State's tower for public safety and emergency first responder communications support. The term of the lease will commence March 1, 2024 and terminate February 28, 2034. There are no improvements associated with this project.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

Date Form Completed: December 29, 2023

County Contact Person: Bianca Lee-Cristaldi

Telephone: (619) 569-7508

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors has approved the above-described project on February 6, 2024(3) and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]

Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]

Statutory Exemption. C Section(s):

Categorical Exemption. G Sections: 15301 - Existing Facilities

G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan

Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.

G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt:

The Lease agreement between the County of San Diego and the Sheriff's Department is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301: Existing Facilities as it involves replacing communications equipment on an existing tower. The Lease would replace an expired lease at the same site and allow for the continuation of an existing use of an existing facility that would have no permanent effects on the environment and does not involve the expansion or change of the existing use. Additionally, the project will not impact environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern that are designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted by government agencies; does not contribute to cumulative environmental impact; will not have a significant impact on the environment due to unusual circumstances; does not damage scenic resources within a designated state scenic highway; and is not on the list of Hazardous Waste and Substance Sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature: Marcus Lubich Telephone: 858-414-4593

Name (Print): Marcus Lubich Title: Project Manager

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.