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

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

TO:

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FROM:

Local Agency Formation Commission
1170 West 3rd Street, Unit 150
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PROJECT TITLE: LAFCO 3260 – Annexation to the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District
(Hesperia Farms Property - District Owned)

PROJECT LOCATION: The District-owned parcels associated with the Hesperia Farms Property encompasses a total of approximately 344 acres and is located along the Mojave River on the east side of Arrowhead Lake Road immediately south of the Hesperia Lake Park. The annexation area includes a total of 11 parcels, Assessor Parcel Numbers 0397-013-03, -04, -05, -17, -18, -19, -20, -21, and -22, and 0433-171-72 and -74. The annexation area is within the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District sphere of influence.

DESCRIPTION: The proposal is to annex the District-owned parcels in order to relieve itself of a recurring annual property tax obligation on said parcels, which is a savings that would benefit the ratepayers for the District. A public agency is only exempt from paying property taxes on lands that it owns if the lands are within the agency's boundaries.

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 the Commission's approval of the annexation has no potential to cause any adverse effect on the environment. No proposal for development and/or physical modification has been identified on any of the parcels being annexed into the District. 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: January 17, 2024



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