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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
FOR SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

TO:

FROM:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors    Office of Planning & Research    Local Agency Formation Commission  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** LAFCO SC#521 – Authorization for the Running Springs Water District to Provide Ground Ambulance Services Outside its Boundary and Outside its Sphere of Influence Pursuant to Government Code Section 56133.5

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Running Springs Water District (District) is an independent special district that provides retail water distribution, wastewater service (collection and treatment), as well as fire protection and pre-hospital emergency medical aid services, which includes ambulance and paramedic services to the Hilltop Community. The District provides ground ambulance service within its Ambulance Operating Area (AOA) 19, as defined by the memorandum of agreement with the local emergency medical services agency for San Bernardino County, the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA). The District's AOA goes beyond the District's boundaries and its sphere.

**DESCRIPTION:** In 2016, Government Code Section 56133.5 established a pilot program for San Bernardino LAFCO to authorize a city or district to extend services outside an agency's boundary and sphere of influence. Therefore, the Commission approved (and acknowledged) the Running Springs Water District's ability to continue to provide its ground ambulance service within the entirety of AOA 19 in conformance with the agreement between the District and ICEMA, which includes areas outside the District's boundary and outside its sphere of influence.

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**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** Local Agency Formation Commission

**AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** Running Springs Water District

**EXEMPT STATUS AND REASONS:** The Local Agency Formation Commission has determined that LAFCO SC #521 is statutorily exempt from environmental review since it does not have the potential for resulting in 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 authorization can be implemented without causing any significant adverse environmental impacts on the environment; 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 section cited above or the Commission's adopted CEQA Guidelines.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Local Agency Formation Commission Staff  
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**DECISION DATE:** April 17, 2024

  
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SAMUEL MARTINEZ  
Executive Officer

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