

# Notice of Determination

To:  Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: City of Palm Desert  
73-510 Fred Waring Drive  
Palm Desert, CA 92270

County Clerk  
County of Riverside  
2724 Gateway Drive  
Riverside, CA 92507

**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

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**Project Title:** Living Desert Zoo and Gardens Expansion Project (CUP/PP/EA 23-0010)

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**Project Applicant:** Living Desert Zoo and Gardens

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State Clearinghouse Number:	Contact Person:	Area Code / Telephone / Extension:
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**Project Location:** 47900 Portola Avenue, Palm Desert, CA 92260 (APNs: 630-250-045, 625-300-052) in Riverside County.

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**Project Description:**

The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens is proposing an expansion project ("Project") that includes the addition of an event center, entry pavilion, lion habitat, and associated facilities. The Project is an amendment to the previous entitlement for the Living Desert (PP/CUP 15-370), which included a smaller lion habitat and event center. In addition to the lion habitat and event center, the Project introduces a new entry pavilion on the north side of the existing Chase building. The Project consists of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), Precise Plan (PP), and Environmental Assessment (EA). The CUP is to allow construction of a "Recreation Facility, Commercial" use in the "Public" zone.

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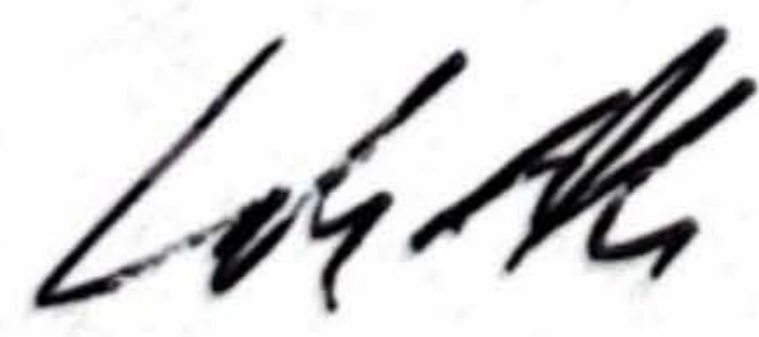
This is to advise that the City of Palm Desert has approved the above described project on September 3, 2024

Lead Agency       Responsible Agency

and has made the following determinations regarding the above described projects.

1. The project (  will  will not) have a significant effect on the environment.
2.  A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
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3. Mitigation measures ( were  were not) made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan ( was  was not) adopted
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations ( was  was not) adopted.
6. Findings ( were  were not) made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Initial Study with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at Palm Desert City Hall, 73-510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260.

  
Signature (Public Agency)  
Carlos Flores

9/5/24  
Date

Principal Planner  
Title