

County of Riverside
Facilities Management
3450 14th St, Riverside, CA

FOR COUNTY CLERK USE ONLY

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

May 21, 2024

Project Name: Approval of Subordination, Non-Disturbance and Attornment (SNDA) Agreement with DBP 1-3, L.L.C., and the Riverside County Transportation Land Management Agency (TLMA), Palm Desert

Project Number: FM042550002000

Project Location: 77588 El Duna Court, Suite H & I, west of El Viento Road, Palm Desert, California 92211, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 626-420-051

Description of Project: On July 16, 2013, the County of Riverside (County), entered into a lease agreement for 10,000 square feet of office space located at 77588 El Duna Ct., Palm Desert, (Lease), for use by the Transportation Land Management Agency (TLMA). The current Lessor, DBP 1-3, LLC has requested a loan to be secured by a deed of trust, pursuant to a Security Agreement, Assignment of Leases and Rents, and Fixture Filing. Goldman Sachs Bank USA (Lender) has requested execution of the attached Subordination, Non-Disturbance, and Attornment Agreement (SNDA) by the County.

By execution of this agreement, the County agrees to subordinate its leasehold estate to the liens in favor of the Lender which shall have no effect on prospective rights and obligations of the County, or the Lender as set forth in the Lease. In addition, in the event the Lender or its successor becomes the lessor, the County will recognize (attorn) the Lender or its successor as Lessor and the County's rights and obligations shall remain the same (not disturbed) as set forth in the Lease for the remainder of the Lease term. The SNDA Agreement is defined as the proposed project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project is limited to revisions to contractual obligations of a Lease of an existing building and no expansion of the existing facility will occur. The operation of the facility will continue to provide public services. No additional direct or indirect physical environmental impacts are anticipated.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Riverside County


Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Riverside County Facilities Management

Exempt Status: State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities Exemption; Section 15061(b) (3), "Common Sense" Exemption. Codified under California Code of Regulations Title 14, Article 5, Section 15061.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA specifically by the State CEQA Guidelines as identified below. The project will not result in any specific or general exceptions to the use of the categorical exemption as detailed under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. The project will not cause an impact to an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern nor would the project involve unusual circumstances that could potentially have a significant effect on the environment. The project would not result in impacts to scenic highways, hazardous waste sites, historic resources, or other sensitive natural environments, or have a cumulative effect to the environment. No significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur with the SNDA Agreement, permitting use of an existing facility.

- **Section 15301 – Class 1 Existing Facilities Exemption:** This categorical exemption includes the operation, repair, maintenance, leasing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities, provided the exemption only involves negligible or no expansion of the previous site’s use. The project, as proposed, is limited to the revisions to contractual obligations of an existing lease for an existing building. The project would not increase or expand the use of the site; and the use is limited to the continued use of the site in a similar capacity; therefore, the project is exempt as the project meets the scope and intent of the Class 1 Exemption identified in Section 15301, Article 19, Categorical Exemptions of the CEQA Guidelines.
- **Section 15061 (b) (3) – “Common Sense” Exemption:** In accordance with CEQA, the use of the Common Sense Exemption is based on the “general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.” State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b) (3). The use of this exemption is appropriate if “it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.” *Ibid*. This determination is an issue of fact and if sufficient evidence exists in the record that the activity cannot have a significant effect on the environment, then the exemption applies and no further evaluation under CEQA is required. See *No Oil, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles* (1974) 13 Cal. 3d 68. The ruling in this case stated that if a project falls within a category exempt by administrative regulation or 'it can be seen with certainty that the activity in question will not have a significant effect on the environment', no further agency evaluation is required. With certainty, there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment. The SNDA Agreement is an administrative action to revise the contractual obligations of the Lease. No change will occur to the ongoing use of the facility and no new environmental impacts to the surrounding area would occur. Therefore, in no way, would the project as proposed have the potential to cause a significant environmental impact and the project is exempt from further CEQA analysis.

Therefore, the County of Riverside Facilities Management hereby concludes that no physical environmental impacts are anticipated to occur and the project as proposed is exempt under CEQA. No further environmental analysis is warranted.

Signed:  _____ **Date:** 5-21-2024
Mike Sullivan,
County of Riverside, Facilities Management