

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk

County of: Riverside

2724 Gateway Drive

Riverside, CA 92507

From: (Public Agency): City of Indio
100 Civic Center Mall
Indio, CA 92201

(Address)

Project Title: Coachella Valley History Museum Gardens & Railway Project

Project Applicant: Coachella Valley History Museum

Project Location - Specific:

Assessor Parcel Number 611-41-011 north of Miles Ave. and east of Deglet Noor St.

Project Location - City: Indio

Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Coachella Valley History Museum has partnered with the Indio Water Authority for the Gardens and Railway Project. This Project will encompass a 15,000 square foot area in the northeast corner of the Coachella Valley History Museum campus that will feature an array of drought-tolerant desert gardens along with an immersive and interactive railway exhibit that will prominently feature a former Southern Pacific Train Car. The Gardens will feature a variety of drought-tolerant desert demonstration garden and include community gardens that will welcome community and school groups to grow seasonal vegetables and experience educational opportunities. The demonstration gardens will be professionally designed to depict the beauty the desert has to offer and to bring awareness to our need to preserve our limited resource water. The Railway portion will feature a Southern Pacific Train Car with virtual and interactive capabilities that will allow a person to be transported to a time when the railway was the premier mode of transportation. Through current and developing technological capabilities, the Museum seeks to create virtual trips to places around the world. The Railway Exhibit Hall will depict the vital importance the railroads played in the establishment and development of our valley. The Desert Submarine will allow you to immerse yourself in the early cooling system developed to allow workers to survive the extreme desert heat. This will be a scaled replica of the current Desert Submarine that is on display on the museum grounds.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Indio

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Coachella Valley History Museum

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 4/Section 15304

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is a minor alteration to an existing built site currently occupied by the Coachella Valley History Museum involving minor alterations to the site to support a desert appropriate garden and interactive railway museum space

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Kevin Snyder

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 760-541-4255

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Title: _____

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____