

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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| <p>TO:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Clerk<br/>County of Imperial<br/>940 W. Main Street, Suite 202<br/>El Centro, CA 92243-2839</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research<br/>1400 Tenth Street<br/>Sacramento, CA 95814<br/>Via CEQA Submit Portal</p> | <p>FROM: City of Calexico<br/>(Public City Council<br/>Agency)</p> <hr/> <p>Address: 608 Heber Avenue, Calexico, CA 92231</p> <hr/> <p>Telephone: (760) 768-2110</p> |
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| 1. Project Title:  | <b>SBA First Street Water Tower Easement Transaction Project</b>   |
| 2. Project Applicant:  | City, in partnership with SBA Towers XI, LLC   |
| 3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 1/2’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name):  | 352 East First Street, Calexico, CA, between Heber Ave. and Hefferman Ave.   |
| 4. (a) Project Location – City: Calexico   | (b) Project Location – County: Imperial  |
| 5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:   | SBA will repair the foundation of the First Street Water Tower that will remain in place, construct a new 130 foot tall lattice communications tower next to the existing First Street Water Tower, move all wireless tenants onto the new tower except for Customs and Border Patrol, and install conduits and lines connecting existing equipment underneath the Water Tower laterally to the new tower. In exchange, SBA will compensate the City in the amount of \$892,785. |
| 6. Name of Public Agency approving project:  | City of Calexico   |
| 7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity: | SBA will construct the project pursuant to the Agreement for Purchase of Easement and the Easement and Assignment Agreement between SBA and the City, and the amendments thereto.  |
| 8. Exempt status: (check one)  |  |
| (a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.  | (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)   |
| (b) <input type="checkbox"/> Not a project.  | State CEQA Guidelines 15050(c)(2)-(3)  |
| (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency  | (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))  |
| (d) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.  | (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))  |
| (e) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption.<br>State type and section number:   | <b>Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) State CEQA Guidelines § 15303</b><br><b>Class 32 (Infill Development Project) State CEQA Guidelines § 15332</b>  |

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| (f) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption.<br>State Code section number:   |   |
| (g) <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:  |   |
| 9. Reason why project was exempt:   | <p>The project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15303 of the State CEQA Guidelines because the project consists of a limited number of new, small facilities or structures and the installation of small equipment and facilities in small structures. The proposed new tower and associated equipment enclosures are structures that do not involve significant amounts of hazardous substances and do not exceed a combined 2,500 square feet in floor area, as the project only includes an approximately 25 foot by 25 foot ground area for the new tower, comprising 625 square feet of floor area.</p> <p>The project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15332 of the State CEQA Guidelines because the project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies, as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations; the project site is less than 5 acres within city limits and surrounded by urban uses; there is no known habitat on the project site for sensitive species; the project will not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality; and the site can be adequately served by all utilities and public services.</p> <p>The administrative record documents provide that none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions applies.</p> |
| 10. Lead Agency Contact Person:<br><br>Telephone:   | Juan Contreras, Acting City Manager<br><br>(760) 768-2110   |
| 11. If filed by applicant: Attach Certificate of Determination (Form "A") before filing.  |   |
| 12. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving this project?   |   |
| 13. Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/><br>If yes, the date of the public hearing was: July 3, 2024 |   |

Date: July 11, 2024

  
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 Juan Contreras  
 Acting City Manager

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing:

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.