

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Riverside

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**From:** (Public Agency): County of Riverside

3450 14th Street, Suite 303

Riverside, CA 92501

(Address)

Project Title: Cal OES PSEC License Agreement with DGS at Black Rock Communication Site, Blythe

Project Applicant: Riverside County

Project Location - Specific:

North of Black Rock Road and Interstate 10, one mile west of Blythe Airport; APN 818-

Project Location - City: Blythe

Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The County of Riverside owns certain real property located in the County of Riverside, State of California, situated at latitude 33 36 49.5, longitude 114 46 7.0 and identified with Assessor's Parcel Number 818-231-027. The site, known as Black Rock Communications Site, contains existing electronic communications facilities, including a tower and antenna. Cal OES, acting through DGS, has been operating continuously since April 1, 2006. DGS is seeking a new License Agreement that will be for a five-year period, commencing July 1, 2023 and terminating June 30, 2028.

The License Agreement with CGS is defined as the proposed project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project is the letting of property involving existing facilities; no substantial expansion of the existing facility will occur. The operation of the facility will continue to provide communication services. No additional direct or indirect physical environmental impacts are anticipated.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Riverside County Board of Supervisors

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

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: 15301 Existing Facilities and 15061 Common Sense
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:


The project, as proposed, is limited to the continued use of an existing communication site with the same tenant. The project will not substantially increase or expand the use of the site and 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 Sections 15061 (b)(3) and 15301, Articles 5 and 19, Categorical Exemptions of the CEQA Guidelines.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Mike Sullivan Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 951-955-8009

**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: 9-10-2024 Title: Facilities Operations Manager

▪ 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: \_\_\_\_\_