Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: PWCP 21-023 – Phase 2 Landscape Restoration Program
Project Applicant: City of Lancaster
Project Location - General: City of Lancaster, County of Los Angeles, State of California
Project Location - Specific: East side of Sierra Highway along the bike path between Avenue J and Avenue M

Project Description: The proposed project consists of the consists of the replacement of the existing irrigation and landscaping along the Sierra Highway Bike Path from Avenue J to Avenue M. The new landscaping and irrigation would be water efficient and drought tolerant and provide a cohesive look with other city installed landscaping in rights-of-way, landscape maintenance districts, city parks and other city facilities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Lancaster
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Lancaster contractor

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: Section 15301, Existing Facilities; Section 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction; Section 15304, Minor Alterations To Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed project consists of the replacement of the existing landscaping and irrigation systems along the Sierra Highway Bike Path on the east side of Sierra Highway between Avenue J and Avenue M. The updated landscaping and irrigation would be water efficient/drought tolerant and consistent with other landscaping installed on city-owned property providing a cohesive look. The existing bike path is not located along a scenic highway or on a hazardous waste site; does not contain historical resources and would not create significant or cumulative impacts to any identified environmental resources. No healthy, mature trees would be removed as part of the project. The replacement of the irrigation system would not result in an increase or expansion of capacity and would provide irrigation only to the landscaping along the existing bike path.

Lead Agency
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Jocelyn Swain — Senior Planner — October 17, 2024
Signature — Title — Date