

Notice of Exemption

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Project Description

PROJECT TITLE:	Kelly Mine Exploratory Drilling
APN:	0503-161-09
APPLICANT:	Chris Boyer, EnviroMine Inc
PROPOSAL:	A temporary use permit for an exploratory drilling program consisting of the construction of nine (9) drill pads for the evaluation of the mineral potential within the Kelly Mine SW Silicified Ridge Area on a 145.89-acre parcel
PROJECT #:	PTUP-2024-00014
COMMUNITY:	Unincorporated Ridgecrest
LOCATION:	Approx. 740 sq ft northeast of the intersection of Randsburg Cutoff Rd and Osdicke Rd.

Applicant

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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: 15304 Minor Alterations to Land and 15183 Projects
Consistent with a Community Plan or Zoning
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____
- Other Exemption: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: Drill pads will be accessed via existing dirt roads. Protected plants have been identified on the site plan and will be avoided. After completion of all drilling activities and boring abandonment, each pad will be graded to the approximate original contour of the surrounding topography and left in a roughened condition. Salvaged topsoil will be spread over the disturbed area as a seed bed and then planted with a weed-free native seed mix. Therefore, the minor temporary use will not have permanent effects on the environment. Additionally, mineral resource extraction and processing are typical uses described within the Resource/Land Management Land Use Category established in the Countywide Policy Plan. Mining activities are allowed within the Resource Conservation land use zoning district with a use permit.

 Planner III 11/19/2024
Signature Title Date

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant
Date received for filing at OPR: _____