

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH #

Project Title: Joshua Tree - Mercury Drive - Dry Camp Site

Lead Agency: San Bernardino County Contact Person: Luis Rodriguez
Mailing Address: 385 N. Arrowhead Avenue Phone: 909-387-4106
City: San Bernardino Zip: 92415 County: San Bernardino

Project Location: County: San Bernardino City/Nearest Community: Joshua Tree
Cross Streets: Adele Lane and Mercury Drive Zip Code: 92262

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 34 ° 14 ' 52 " N / 116 ° 18 ' 44 " W Total Acres: 7.5
Assessor's Parcel No.: 0631-201-68 Section: 24 Twp.: 2N Range: 6E Base:
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Waterways:
Airports: Railways: Schools:

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) Draft EIS Other:
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other:

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type _____ MW _____
 Educational: _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Recreational: _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____ Other: _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Land Use
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other:

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Rural Living-2.5 du/ac

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

The proposed project consists of establishing a fifteen (15) campsite dry Campground, with no water service, on one parcel (APN 063-201-68) with a total of 7.5 acres, within the Homestead Valley Community Area of Joshua Tree. Each of the campsites will include space for parking and either tent or contained RV/Trailer camping. The project includes the installation of a shade structure and a picnic table at each campsite. Existing buildings onsite will remain. All campsites are easily accessible through a hard packed soil road and a turnaround within the project site.

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Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>6</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | |

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date January 23, 2025 Ending Date February 22, 2025

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: <u>Vista Environmental</u>	Applicant: <u>JT Prospecting, LLC</u>
Address: <u>1021 Didrickson Way</u>	Address: <u>62076 Mercury Drive</u>
City/State/Zip: <u>Laguna Beach, CA 92651</u>	City/State/Zip: <u>Joshua Tree CA 92262</u>
Contact: <u>Jakki Tonkovich</u>	Phone: <u>312-532-1324</u>
Phone: <u>949 836 1992</u>	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Luis Rodriguez Digitally signed by Luis Rodriguez
Date: 2025.01.21 11:36:02 -08'00' **Date:** January 21, 2025

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

Form F

Lead agencies may include 15 hardcopies of this document when submitting electronic copies of Environmental Impact Reports, Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, or Notices of Preparation to the State Clearinghouse (SCH). The SCH also accepts other summaries, such as EIR Executive Summaries prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15123. Please include one copy of the Notice of Completion Form (NOC) with your submission and attach the summary to each electronic copy of the document.

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Project Location: 62076 Mercury, Joshua Tree San Bernardino
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

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Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Impacts were reduced to less than significant levels with the following mitigation:
 BIO1- avoid Joshua Tree or any impacts require an permit
 BIO2: Pre-construction Surveys
 BIO3: Nesting Season
 CR1 to CR-8: Tribal Agreement/Monitoring as needed/if found during construction halt.
 GEO1: Paleontological resources
 TCR1 to TCR4: Tribal Agreement/Monitoring

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Desert Tortoise Area and Joshua Trees on site.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

CA Fish & Wildlife Desert Region 6