

Notice of Exemption

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From: San Bernardino County
Department of Public Works
Environmental Management Division
825 E. Third Street, Room 123
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Project Description

Project Title: Fort Irwin Road- Desert Tortoise Protection Measures

Project Location: Adjacent to the Calico Mountains Subregion Vehicle Trailhead, within the County Road Right-of-Way in Barstow, San Bernardino County.

Project Description: Desert Tortoise Exclusion Fencing has been installed on both sides of Fort Irwin Road since 2004 to protect desert tortoise from the hazards of the road. A section of exclusion fencing has suffered repeated damage from Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs). To eliminate repeated damage to this section of fencing, a Desert Guard will be installed in place of the fencing. This will allow OHVs to pass over the guard to access BLM off-road routes, while simultaneously preventing tortoises from entering the road. The installation work will involve digging a small trench using a backhoe and placing the guard in position.

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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)];
 Categorical Exemption. State type and section: Class 2, 15302(b) Replacement or Reconstruction
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____
 Other Exemption: Class 3, 15303(e) New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

Reasons why project is exempt: Section 15302(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines allows for replacement or replacement of structures that are same size, purpose, and capacity. Section 15303(e) allows for conversions of appurtenant structures, including fencing.

Signature  Anthony Pham, P.E.

On behalf of Arlene B. Chun, M.S., P.E.

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Engineering Manager, Environmental Mgmt. Div.

Title

Date

3/12/25

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A