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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

To: San Bernardino County  
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385 North Arrowhead Avenue  
San Bernardino, CA 92415  
and  
State Clearinghouse

From: Inland Valley Development (IVDA) Agency  
1601 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92408

**Project Title:** Re-Purposing of the former Norton AFB Shooting Range Property to Support the Norton Test Range UAS Center at San Bernardino International Airport (SBD)

**Project Location:** The San Bernardino International Airport (SBIA) is located in the City of San Bernardino, on the south side of Third Street, east of Tippecanoe Avenue, west of Palm Avenue/Alabama Street, and north of the Santa Ana River floodplain.

**Project Location - City:** City of San Bernardino

**Project Location - County:** San Bernardino

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project:** The proposed project includes construction of a new Norton Test Range proving grounds on a six (6)-acre parcel owned by the IVDA at SBD. The existing Small Arms Shooting Range will be demolished and replaced by the new Norton Test Range proving grounds.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Inland Valley Development Agency

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Inland Valley Development Agency

**Exempt Status: (Check One)**

- Ministerial (Sections 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sections 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sections 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption (Sections 21084; 15303( c))

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The State CEQA Guidelines provide a series of categorical exemptions for projects that have been deemed to have minimal impacts on the environment. The proposed Re-purposing of the former Norton AFB Shooting Range Property to support the Norton Test Range UAS Center at San Bernardino International Airport has no potential to cause significant adverse effects on the environment and will ensure the IVDA continues to enhance

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operations on its property at the Airport. Categorical Exemption Class 3 exempts "construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structure; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure...Examples of this exemption include, but are not limited to: This includes "15303 ( c ): In urbanized areas, the exemption applies to up to four such commercial buildings not exceeding 10,000 square feet in such area zoned for such use if not involving the use of significant amounts of hazardous substances where all necessary public services and facilities are available and the surrounding area is not environmentally sensitive." The exceptions to the issuance of categorical exemptions have been evaluated for the proposed project activities. The proposed project has been determined not to have a potential to cause significant adverse environmental effects as a result of any of the exceptions. Therefore, this proposed action is not forecast to cause any potential for significant adverse environmental impacts and qualifies with the requirements for Class 3 Exemption.

**Lead Agency**

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