Notice of Exemption

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Land Use Services Department
Planning Division
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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 32 auger holes with a depth of approx. 40 feet to access mineral potential within the Kelly Mine SW Silicified Ridge Area on a 145.89-acre parcel
PROJECT #:	PTUP-2025-00002
COMMUNITY:	Unincorporated Ridgecrest
LOCATION:	Approx. 740 sq ft northeast of the intersection of Randsburg Cutoff Rd and Osdicke Rd.

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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
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____
- ☒ Other Exemption: 15183 Projects Consistent with a Community Plan or Zoning

Reasons why project is exempt: Drill pads will be accessed by existing dirt roads and trails. The applicant has included protected plants on the site plan to demonstrate avoidance of protected plants while accessing drill locations. After completion of all drilling activities and boring abandonment, drill holes will be backfilled with original native material and filled with 5% cement grout. The sites will be left in their natural condition, with no grading required. Reseeding efforts will also be minimal, reflecting the project's focus on preserving the natural landscape. 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 temporary use permit if under one acre and provided SMARA Section 2714(d) is not exceeded.

Signature	*Title*	*Date*
	Planner III	06/03/2025

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____