

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**From:** (Public Agency): State Water Board

1001 I St, 15th Floor

Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: Brightline West Cajon Pass Project

Project Applicant: DesertXpress Enterprises, LLC dba Brightline West

Project Location - Specific:

Interstate 15 (I-15) right-of-way between Apple Valley and Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Project Location - City: Multiple Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project would provide passenger rail transportation, as an alternative to travel via I-15, between the Los Angeles metropolitan region and the High Desert of San Bernardino County.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: DesertXpress Enterprises, LLC dba Brightline West

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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Division 13, Section 21080(b)(10)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project involves, "the institution or increase of passenger or commuter services on rail or highway rights-of-way already in use, including the modernization of existing stations and parking facilities."

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Sarmad Alkayssi Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 327-8553

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature: Phillip Crader Digitally signed by Phillip Crader  
Date: 2025.06.18 12:22:51 -07'00' Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: Deputy Director

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_