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**Project Title**

**Sludge Drying Bed Project**

**Check Document being Filed:**

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- Other (Please fill in type):

# Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
 County Clerk  
 County of: Inyo  
 PO Box F  
Independence, CA 93526

From: (Public Agency): Inyo County Planning  
PO Drawer L  
Independence, CA 93526  
 (Address)

Project Title: Sludge Drying Bed Project

Project Applicant: Big Pine Community Service District - 180 Main St., Big Pine, CA 93513 - 760-938-2660

Project Location - Specific:

Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): 018-090-19.

Project Location - City: Big Pine Project Location - County: Inyo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project includes construction of a new sludge drying bed next to the existing beds. The work consists of a shallow excavation with the soils placed on site. Concrete walls and a concrete floor. Additional piping will be installed to pump the sludge into the beds. The project and installation are located within an existing disturbed wastewater treatment site.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Inyo County Planning Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Inyo County Planning Department

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: Section 15301 Class 1, Section 15303 Class 3
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_


Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15301 Class 1 describes projects involving negligible or no expansion of existing use. Section 15303 includes new small facilities which do not exceed the maximum amount of allowable structures within the wastewater treatment facility. The Sludge Drying Bed Project involves installing a new bed next to the existing beds. The work involves shallow excavation with the soils placed on site, creating concrete walls and a concrete floor along with additional piping installed to pump the sludge into the beds. The project will provide an additional evaporation area for drying and processing waste activated sludge from the wastewater treatment process. The project is consistent with the existing land uses, on a developed and highly disturbed site, with no increase in staffing or regular operational trips.

Lead Agency  
 Contact Person: Danielle Visuano Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 760-878-0268

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:  Date: June 24, 2025 Title: Senior Planner

▪ Signed by Lead Agency    Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.      Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.