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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: X County of Orange X Office of Planning and Research  
Clerk-Recorder Submitted via online at <https://ceqasubmit.opr.ca.gov>  
601 N. Ross Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

**Project Title and File Number:** Tijeras Creek Golf Club Driving Range Improvements (Planning Application RSM 25-003)

**Project Applicant:** KES Technologies **Telephone Number:** 949-339-5330  
One Venture, Suite 130  
Irvine, CA 92618

**Project Location:** 29082 Tijeras Creek  
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

**Project Description:** A Changed Plan to allow for minor site improvements that would provide targeted ground lighting to support a golf ball tracking system as well as ancillary lighting of the tee box area and putting green to extend the operating hours of the facility to 10:00 p.m. No expansion of buildings, structures, or operational areas are proposed.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Rancho Santa Margarita

**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, section and class number)

**Section 15303 Class 3: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures**  
**Section 15311 Class 11: Accessory Structures**

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15303 and 15311, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 3 and Class 11 categorical exemptions since the project involves the installation of new accessory structures that include targeted ground lighting to support a golf ball tracking system and ancillary lighting of the tee box area and putting green to extend the operating hours of the facility to 10:00 p.m. at an existing golf course driving range. The project includes no expansion of the existing building footprint or project site area. Furthermore, all necessary public services and facilities are already available to the project site, and approval of the project will not result in significant adverse effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality.

**Lead Agency:** City of Rancho Santa Margarita

**Contact Person:** Derek Bingham, Senior Planner

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**If filed by Applicant:** N/A

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:**  \_\_\_\_\_

**Name and Title:** Derek Bingham, Senior Planner

**Date:** August 4, 2025