



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division

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Notice of Exemption

To:

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From:

California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR),
Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division
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Project Title: Southern California Mountains Foundation, Mojave River Dam Riparian Restoration**Project Applicant:** Southern California Mountains Foundation**Project Location – Specific:** Mojave River Dam Basin**Project Location – City:** Near Hesperia**Project Location – County:** San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed project will restore sensitive habitat impacted by unauthorized off-highway vehicle (OHV) use. Project activities include installing 3.6 miles of pipe and cable fencing to prevent OHV use, installing up to 10 signs, removing invasive mustard plants, decompacting soil (four acres), restoring vegetation with seeding and mulching (five acres), and educating the public on legal trail use near the project area.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CDPR, OHMVR Division**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Southern California Mountains Foundation**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 (CE). Section 15301 Existing Facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- ☐ Activity not subject to CEQA review.

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt because it falls within the CE class listed above. Project activities described above do not have the potential for causing a significant adverse effect on the environment. A CEQA Exemption Review Form for the project is on file at the OHMVR Division office listed above. No exceptions to the exemption apply to this project.

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Date:

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR:

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