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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Dean C. Logan, Registrar – Recorder/County Clerk

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To: County of Los Angeles
County Clerk
Environmental Filings
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, California 90650

From: County of Los Angeles
Department of Parks and Recreation
Land Management Section
1000 South Fremont Avenue Unit #40
A-9 West, Third Floor
Alhambra, California 91803

Project Title: Santa Fe Dam Renaissance Theme Faire

Project Location - Specific: Santa Fe Dam Recreational Area
15501 East Arrow Highway
Irwindale, CA 91706

Project Location - City: Irwindale

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project consists of the continued operation and leasing of an existing facility within the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area (SFDRA), a developed regional park that provides a variety of recreational amenities including a swim beach, nature trails, fishing areas, playgrounds, picnic areas, bike trails, food services, and equipment rentals. The park is an established recreational destination that serves approximately 800,000 visitors annually.

The project involves entering into a new agreement between the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (LA County Parks) and Renaissance Entertainment Productions, Inc. (REP) to continue the operation of the Renaissance Pleasure Faire, a recurring seasonal outdoor event held within previously disturbed and developed areas of SFDRA. The Faire is a large-scale, temporary cultural and recreational event featuring costumed performances, arts and crafts vendors, food concessions, music, and theatrical entertainment themed around the Renaissance period.

The Faire operates annually over seven consecutive weekends from early April through late May and attracts approximately 135,000 attendees each year. The event has been held at SFDRA for approximately 17 years under prior agreements and does not require the expansion of existing facilities or development of new permanent structures. All activities occur within the park's existing operational footprint and utilize temporary, removable infrastructure.

The proposed agreement would allow for the continued use of the site for the Faire, including minor operational enhancements such as improved parking management (e.g., pre-paid parking), coordination of visitor access and circulation, and expanded programming elements. The agreement would also formalize revenue-sharing provisions, including revenue from admissions and alcohol sales, and establish community benefit programs such as distribution of complimentary tickets and reinvestment into park improvements.

No physical expansion of the site, increase in capacity beyond historical levels, or substantial changes to the existing use of the facility are proposed. The project represents the continuation of an existing use at an established public recreational facility.

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Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles County

Name of Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County

Exempt Status (check one):

Article 19. Categorical Exemptions

- Categorical Section 15301
Class 1
- County CEQA Guidelines Categorical Exemption
Class 1(r)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, specifically Section 15301 (Class 1), which covers the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

The project is also consistent with the County CEQA Guidelines. Specifically, it qualifies for Class 1, which applies to the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing. This includes, but is not limited to, Class 1(r), which covers building leases, renewals, and amendments that involve the continued use of structures and facilities for the purposes for which they were originally constructed

The County has considered the cumulative impact of the proposed activities and determined that the cumulative impact of the specified activities will not result in significant impacts on the environment that would constitute an exception to Class 1 Categorical Exemption as described in Section 15300.2 (b) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The County has considered the potential for significant impacts on the environment resulting from the specified activities and determined that there are no unusual circumstances that would result in significant effects on the environment constituting an exception Class 1 Categorical Exemption as described in Section 15300.2 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The specified activities will not result in damage to scenic resources, such as trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings or similar resources or involve work within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway that would constitute an exception to Class 1 Categorical Exemption as described in Section 15300.2 (d) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (c) of the CEQA Statutes.

The specified activities do not involve work on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code relating to solid and hazardous wastes and do not constitute an exception to Class 1 Categorical Exemption as described in the Section 15300.2 (e) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084 (d) of the CEQA statutes.

The specified activities would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as specified in section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes and do not constitute an exception to Class

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1 Categorical Exemption as described in Section 15300.2 (f) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21084.1 of the CEQA Statutes.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jui Ing Chien (Area Code) Telephone/Ext. (626) 588-5317

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

Chien, Jui Ing
Signature, Jui Ing Chien

3/19/2026
Date

Park Planner
Title



State of California—Department of Fish and Wildlife
**2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
 CASH RECEIPT**

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT Number:	19	03/19/2026	202603190540003
STATE CLEARING HOUSE # (If applicable)			

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION LAND		LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 03/19/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING LOS ANGELES/CA		DOCUMENT NUMBER 2026061815	
PROJECT TITLE SANTA FE DAM RENAISSANCE THEME FAIRE			
PROJECT APPLICANT NAME JUI ING CHIEN		PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (626)588-5317
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1000 SOUTH FREMONT AVENUE UNIT #40 A-9 WEST,		CITY ALHAMBRA	STATE CA ZIP CODE 91803
PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Public Agency <input type="checkbox"/> School District <input type="checkbox"/> Other Special District <input type="checkbox"/> State Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Private Entity			

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,227.50 \$ 0.00
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$3,043.75 \$ 0.00
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,437.25 \$ 0.00
- Exempt from fee
 - Notice of Exemption (attach)
 - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)
- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ 0.00
- County documentary handling fee \$ 25.00
- Other \$ 0.00

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash Credit Check Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 25.00

SIGNATURE X <i>Rickena McClain</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE RICKENA MCCLAIN, INTERMEDIATE CLERK
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