

Notice of Exemption

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CHUCK STOREY, County Clerk

To: Office of Planning and Research
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By: [Signature]
Deputy Clerk

From: (Public Agency):
County of Imperial
Planning & Development Services
801 Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243

County Clerk
County of Imperial
940 Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243

Project Title: Adding the Lithium Valley Construction Workforce Ordinance to Title 9 Land Use Ordinance Division 1, Chapter 9, Section 90109.00

Project Applicant: Imperial County Executive Office

Project Location – Specific: Southeastern shore of the Salton Sea (~51,622 acres – see attached Figure)

Project Location – City: Unincorporated area Project Location – County: Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Lithium Valley Construction Workforce Ordinance provides for Recruiting, Retention, Knowledge and Safety ("Lithium Valley Construction WORRKS") Standards. The purpose of this addition to the Imperial County's Title 9 Land Use Ordinance Division 1, is to create opportunities for high-road, career pathway, construction jobs, to address the shortage of qualified construction workers, to promote public health and safety, and to ensure labor standards in the construction industry as permitted by Labor Code 1205(c).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Imperial County Executive Office

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Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Dr. Kathleen Lang, County Executive Officer

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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: CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemptions, State Code Number: Pub. Res. Code § 21065; Guidelines §15378

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Reasons why project is exempt:

The Ordinance is not subject to CEQA because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Pub. Res. Code § 21065 and CEQA Guidelines § 15378. The Ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that implementation of the Ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment. The Ordinance establishes general policies, procedural, and administrative requirements related to construction workforce participation. These activities will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and do not authorize any physical development or use.

Lead Agency

Area Code/

Contact Person: Jim Minnick, ICPDS Director

Telephone Extension: 442-265-1736

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: [Signature]

Date: 5/12/26

Title: Jim Minnick, ICPDS Director

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- 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: _____

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