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Supervising Legal Certification Clerk
County of Riverside
P.O. Box 751
Riverside, CA 92501-0751

SUBJECT: Filing of a CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Oak Creek Borrow Site- Project Number LR26-0236

Enclosed is the Notice of Exemption for the above referenced project. In addition, pursuant to Assembly Bill 3158 (Chapter 1706) the Applicant will pay for the County Administrative fee to enable the City to file the Notice of Exemption required under Public Resources Code Section 21152 and 14 California Code Regulations 1507. The payment of the \$50.00 filing fee is under protest. It is the opinion of the City that the administrative fee has been increased in a manner inconsistent with the provisions of State Law. Under Public Resources Code Section 21152 and 14 California Code Regulations 1507, the County is entitled to receive a \$25.00 filing fee.

Also, please email a stamped copy of the Notice of Exemption **within five working days** after the 30-day posting to the email listed below.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the case Planner listed on the next page.

Sincerely,

Matt Peters
Director of Community Development

Enclosures: Notice of Exemption Form
Electronic Payment - Filing Fee Receipt

City of Temecula
Community Development
Planning Division

Notice of Exemption

TO: County Clerk and Records Office
County of Riverside
P.O. Box 751
Riverside, CA 92501-0751

FROM: Planning Division
City of Temecula
41000 Main Street
Temecula, CA 92590

Project Title: Oak Creek Borrow Site (LR26-0236)

Description of Project: Grading work proposing the borrow of approximately 44,000 cubic yards of raw native fill material for export to a proposed residential housing project located adjacent to the borrow site at APN: 957-080-027

Project Location: Northwest corner of the intersection of Nicolas Road and Joseph Road at APN: 957-080-028

Applicant/Proponent: City of Temecula

The Community Development Director approved the above-described project on 6/11/2026 and found that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, as amended.

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

☐ Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); Section 15268);

☐ Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); Section 15269(a));

☐ Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); Section 15269(b)(c));

☐ Statutory Exemptions (Section Number:)

☒ Categorical Exemption: (Section 15304, Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land)

☐ Other:

Statement of Reasons Supporting the Finding that the Project is Exempt:

The grading work proposed on the borrow site is exempt from CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15304 – Class 4, which applies to minor public or private alternations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

The proposed grading work proposes borrowing approximately 44,000 cubic yards of raw native fill material from the subject property (“borrow site”) with an average cut of 3.6 feet below existing grade. The applicant will then export the native fill material to an adjacent offsite location. None of the exceptions enumerated in State CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to the exemptions applicable here.

The existing grades of the borrow site contain slopes of less than 10 percent. The proposed borrow site grading work also avoids any jurisdictional waterways, wetlands and/or riparian areas. Jurisdictional features (Santa Gertrudis Creek) will be avoided with a 10-foot buffer and standard BMPs will be implemented prior to construction. BMP’s will be monitored and managed during construction as-needed. No permanent structures will be constructed; the grading activity is temporary and limited to soil movement. Lastly, the subject borrow site isn’t an officially designated scenic area nor located in geologic hazard zones. The aforesaid findings are supported in the prepared borrow plan, environmental reports, and geotechnical reports for the subject borrow site.

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Signature: Matt Peters
Matt Peters,
Director of Community Development

Date: 6/11/24

Date received for filing at the County Clerk and Records Office: