

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

May 19, 2026

**Project Name:** First Amendment to Master License and Operating Agreement with The Grove Community Church at Moses - Schaffer Community Center and Mead Valley Community Center, Perris and Mead Valley

**Project Number:** FM047552006400/ FM047552006600

**Project Locations:**

Moses-Schaffer Community Center: 21565 Steele Peak Drive, west of Spring Street, Perris, California, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 343-220-034

Mead Valley Community Center: 21091 Rider Street, west of Lee Road, Perris, California, APN 255-080-041

**Description of Project:** On August 29, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved the Master License and Operating Agreement (Agreement) by and between the County of Riverside (County) and The Grove Community Church, a California nonprofit corporation for operations of the for Moses-Schaffer Community Center and Mead Valley Community Centers. The Agreement was for a term of approximately three years expiring June 30, 2026. During the term of this Agreement, The Grove was obligated to continue to provide community center services as they are the existing operator at the Mead Valley Community Center and the new operator at the Moses-Schaffer Community Center. The scope of those services included community, recreational services, healthcare and food programs.

Facilities Management-Real Estate (FM-RE) now proposes to update the Agreement through this First Amendment (Amendment). This update extends the Master Agreement for an additional four-year term. Operator shall provide for the operation and management of the Centers which includes community center programming and activities for the benefit of the residents of Riverside County. Operator represents and maintains that it is skilled to perform all services, duties and obligations required by this Agreement to provide these services fully and adequately at the Centers. Operator further represents and warrants that it, or its contractors, have all licenses, permits, qualifications and approvals of whatever nature legally required to provide its professional service at the Centers. Operator shall be responsible for the day-to-day programming, scheduling and supervision of the sports field located at the Mead Valley Community Center. The First Amendment to the Agreement is defined as the proposed project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project is for the use of existing facilities and no expansion of the existing facility will occur. The operation of the facilities will continue to provide community services. No additional direct or indirect physical environmental impacts are anticipated.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Riverside County

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Riverside County Facilities Management

**Exempt Status:** State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities Exemption; Section 15061(b) (3), General Rule or “Common Sense” Exemption. Codified under California Code of Regulations Title 14, Article 5, Section 15061.

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA specifically by the State CEQA Guidelines as identified below. The project will not result in any specific or general exceptions to the use of the categorical exemption as detailed under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. The project will not cause an impact to an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern nor would the project involve unusual circumstances that could potentially have a significant effect on the environment. The project would not result in impacts to scenic highways, hazardous waste sites, historic resources, or other sensitive natural environments, or have a cumulative effect to the environment. No significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur with the First Amendment to the Agreement, permitting continued use of existing facilities.

- **Section 15301 – Class 1 Existing Facilities Exemption:** This categorical exemption includes the operation, repair, maintenance, leasing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures or facilities, provided the exemption only involves negligible or no expansion of the previous site’s use. The project, as proposed, is limited to the continued use of the existing community centers in Perris and Mead Valley. The project would not substantially increase or expand the use of the sites; and is limited to the extension of term, which will result in the continued use of the sites in a similar capacity; therefore, the project is exempt as the project meets the scope and intent of the Class 1 Exemption identified in Section 15301, Article 19, Categorical Exemptions of the CEQA Guidelines.
- **Section 15061 (b) (3) – “Common Sense” Exemption:** In accordance with CEQA, the use of the Common Sense Exemption is based on the “general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.” State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b) (3). The use of this exemption is appropriate if “it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.” *Ibid*. This determination is an issue of fact and if sufficient evidence exists in the record that the activity cannot have a significant effect on the environment, then the exemption applies and no further evaluation under CEQA is required. See *No Oil, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles* (1974) 13 Cal. 3d 68. The ruling in this case stated that if a project falls within a category exempt by administrative regulation or 'it can be seen with certainty that the activity in question will not have a significant effect on the environment', no further agency evaluation is required. With certainty, there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment. The First Amendment to the Agreement is limited to an extension of term for continued use of existing facilities which will not expand or increase the capacity or intensity of use of the sites. The use and operation of the facilities will be substantially similar to the existing use and will not create any new environmental impacts to the surrounding area. No impacts beyond the ongoing, existing use of the sites would occur. Therefore, in no way, would the project as proposed have the potential to cause a significant environmental impact and the project is exempt from further CEQA analysis.

Therefore, the County of Riverside Facilities Management hereby concludes that no physical environmental impacts are anticipated to occur and the project as proposed is exempt under CEQA. No further environmental analysis is warranted.

**Signed:**  **Date:** 5-19-2026  
Mike Sullivan  
County of Riverside, Facilities Management