

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

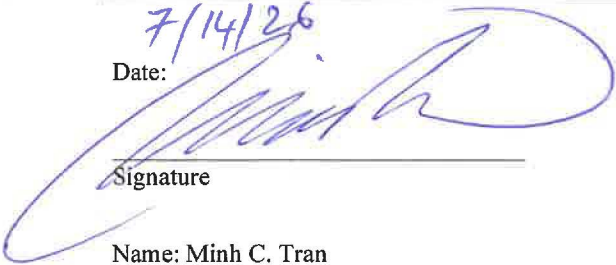
TO: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation State Clearinghouse ☒ P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	FROM: Name: Riverside County (Public Agency) Address: 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA 92501 Telephone: (951) 955-1000
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Project Title:	Resolution No. 2026-150
Project Applicant:	Riverside County
Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	Riverside County, California
Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	Pursuant to Resolution No. 2026-150, the County of Riverside ("County") intends to submit Riverside County Transportation Commission ("Commission") Ordinance No. 26-001 ("Ordinance") to their voters at the County's November 3, 2026 Statewide General Election. The underlying Ordinance authorizes the Commission to continue to levy a countywide sales tax within Riverside County. Beneficiaries of the Ordinance include residents of Riverside County and users of transportation infrastructure in Riverside County.
Name of Public Agency approving project:	Riverside County
Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Riverside County
Exempt status: (check one)	
☒ Ministerial project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
☐ Not a project.	(State CEQA Guidelines §§ 15050(c)(2)-(3), 15378)
☐ Declared Emergency	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))

☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	
☐ Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
☐ Other. Explanation:	(State CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) Common Sense exemption)
Reason why activity was exempt:	The activity is ministerial and therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code §21080(b)(1). The County does not exercise discretion over the contents of the Ordinance, which was adopted by the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), a separate legal entity, nor is the County the lead agency for purposes of studying the Ordinance's environmental effects. Because the County lacks the authority to condition the Ordinance to mitigate environmental impacts, preparation of environmental review would serve no meaningful purpose. (<i>Leach v. City of San Diego</i> (1990) 220 Cal. App.3d. 389) The County is simply responsible for placing this Ordinance on its ballot. For these reasons, the activity is ministerial. Additionally, the common sense exemption (State CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) applies because there is no possibility that the County's procedural action of submitting the Ordinance to voters will have a physical environmental impact.

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Date Received for Filing:

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.