

County of Riverside
Facilities Management
3450 14th St, Riverside, CA

FOR COUNTY CLERK USE ONLY

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

July 30, 2026

Project Name: Ratification and Approval of Standard Agreement No. 26C840002 with State of California, Department of California Highway Patrol (CHP) at the Ben Clark Public Safety Training Center (BCTC), Riverside

Project Number: FM0412500011

Project Location: 16791 Davis Avenue, south of Van Buren Boulevard, Riverside, California 92518; Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 294-110-005, 284-130-005, 295-020-005

Description of Project: CHP is requesting to utilize the resources at the Ben Clark Public Safety Training Center (BCTC) for use of the firing range, Classroom, and Scenario Village. CHP agrees to compensate the County of Riverside (County) at rates established and adopted by the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors (County Board Policy H-30). Said rates are based on total square footage of all space utilized by CHP, on an hourly, half, or whole day's usage.

The Board previously approved Standard Agreement No. 23C093000 on August 29, 2023, per M.O. 3.30. That Agreement expired on June 30, 2026. CHP submitted the attached Standard Agreement 26C840002 (Agreement) which contains the same terms and conditions as the previous agreement. The new agreement establishes a maximum reimbursement amount of \$60,000.00.

The Standard Agreement with CHP is defined as the proposed project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project entails granting use of existing facilities at BCTC; no expansion of the existing facility will occur. 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 CHP Standard Agreement No. 26C840002.

- **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 an agreement for the use of existing facilities at BCTC. The use of the facilities by CHP would not increase the capacity of the site, would be consistent with the current land use, and would not require any expansion of public services and facilities; 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 proposed CHP Standard Agreement will not result in any direct or indirect physical environmental impacts. The use and operation of the facility 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 site 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:** 7-30-2026
Mike Sullivan, Senior Environmental Planner
County of Riverside, Facilities Management

RIVERSIDE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER

**AUTHORIZATION
TO BILL
BY JOURNAL VOUCHER**

Project Name: BCTC CHP Standard Agreement 26-840002

Accounting String: 523360-47220-7200400000 - FM0412500011

DATE: July 30, 2026

AGENCY: Riverside County Facilities Management

THIS AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER TO BILL FOR FILING AND HANDLING FEES FOR THE ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT(S).

NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS INCLUDED: One (1)

AUTHORIZED BY: **Mike Sullivan, Senior Environmental Planner, Facilities Management**

Signature: 

PRESENTED BY: **Stephanie Carbajal, Senior Real Property Agent, Facilities Management**

-TO BE FILLED IN BY COUNTY CLERK-

ACCEPTED BY: _

DATE: _

RECEIPT # (S) _

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County of Riverside
Facilities Management
3450 14th St, Riverside, CA 92501

Date: July 30, 2026
To: Office of the County Clerk
From: Mike Sullivan, Facilities Management
Subject: **County of Riverside Facilities Management Project # FM 0412500011**
BCTC CHP Standard Agreement 26-C840002

Riverside County Facilities Management is requesting that you post the attached Notice of Exemption. Attached you will find an authorization to bill by journal voucher for your posting fee.

After posting, please return the document to:

Mail Stop #2600

Attention: Mike Sullivan, Facilities Management,
3450 14th Street, Suite 307, Riverside, CA 92501

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Sullivan at 955-8009 or email at msullivan@rivco.org.

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