

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☒ Mail Stop: A-33
ARCC-Recorder
Attn: Karina Ortiz
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: Mail Stop: 0-368
County of San Diego,
Department of General Services
Attn: Marcus Lubich
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 410
San Diego, CA 92123

☐ State Clearinghouse

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

Project Name: Lease Amendment for the Sheriff's Department Mount Woodson Communications Site

Project Location: Mount Woodson – Mount Woodson Road (APN 278-081-05)

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of General Services
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: San Diego County Sheriff's Department has communications equipment in an existing shelter and mounted on an existing cellular tower. The proposed actions will extend the current lease term an additional 10 years. There are no improvements associated with this project.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

Date Form Completed: June 7, 2023

County Contact Person: Bianca Lee-Cristaldi

Telephone: 619-569-7508

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors has approved the above-described project on July 18, 2023 (ITEM #) and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

☐ Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]

☐ Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]

☐ Statutory Exemption. C Section(s):

☒ Categorical Exemption. G Sections: 15301 Existing Facilities

☐ G 15182 – Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan

☐ Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.

☒ G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt:

This lease amendment is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301, Existing Facilities as it consists of amending an existing lease for use of an existing facility that involves no expansion of the existing or former use. The amendment is also covered by the commonsense exemption, Section 15061(b)(3), that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Additionally, the project will not impact environmental resources of hazardous or critical concern that are designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted by government agencies; does not contribute to cumulative environmental impact; will not have a significant impact on the environment due to unusual circumstances; does not damage scenic resources within a designated state scenic highway; and is not on the list of Hazardous Waste and Substance Sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature: _____ Telephone: 858-414-4593

Name (Print): Marcus Lubich Title: Project Manager

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.