



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Re-Closure of Fan Hill Mine

LOCATION: Indio Hills Palms, Thousand Palms Road and Ramon Road
COUNTY: Riverside

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Re-seal the opening to the Fan Hill Mine shaft for public safety purposes at Fan Hill at Indio Hills Palms. The abandoned mine is a vertical shaft approximately 8' by 8' and 50' deep. The mine shaft was previously closed in 2006 with reinforced steel plates under an NOE with SCH#2006048144, but the steel plates were removed by unknown vandals. The current project will seal the shaft by installing an expanded polyurethane foam plug into the upper part of the shaft, which will be covered by 2 feet of soil and made level to grade. A camera will be lowered into the mine shaft prior to closure to ensure no wildlife is in the shaft.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Colorado Desert District

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption *Class:* 1 *Section:* 15301

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving no expansion of use.

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