State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: **Fan Hill Mine Closure (05/06-CD-18)**

LOCATION: Indio Hills Palms

COUNTY: Riverside

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project is the sealing of the opening to the Fan Hill Mine shaft for public safety purposes. The abandoned mine is a vertical shaft approximately 8' by 8' at the opening and 50' deep. A square concrete collar supports the shaft opening. The mine shaft opening will be sealed using reinforced steel plates permanently attached to the concrete collar. Surveys indicate that the mine shaft is not occupied by bats or other sensitive species. The mine is determined to not be an historic feature, but the mine closure does not preclude future historical research opportunities. No sensitive biological or cultural resources are anticipated to be impacted by this project.

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:
☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section)
X Categorical Exemption
Class: 1 and 3 *Section:* 15301 and 15303

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:
- No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated.
- Minor alteration of an existing public structure involving negligible or no expansion of existing use.
- The conversion of an existing small structure from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure.

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