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Notice of Exemption - Inyo County

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Project Title: Zone Text Amendment (ZTA) 2017-03/Inyo County adding Chapter 18.67 titled Non-Groundwater-Neutral Agricultural Use Overlay District to the Inyo County Code

Project Applicant: Inyo County

Project Location - Specific: Properties in the community of Pearsonville as described in Attachment A.

Project Location - City: Pearsonville, CA

Project Location - County: Inyo

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project Update to the Inyo County Zoning Code's Title 18, to create an overlay district that will require Agricultural Uses within the Overlay District that will adversely impact the groundwater basin to have a Conditional Use Permit. The County's Zoning Map will also be updated to include this overlay district in the community of Pearsonville in the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Basin within Inyo County.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Inyo County Planning Commission/ Inyo County Board of Supervisors

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Inyo County Planning Department

Exempt Status: (check one)

Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

General Rule (Sec. 15061(b)(3));

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- Categorical (Class 3; Section 15303 (a));
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Reasons why project is exempt: Non-groundwater Neutral Agricultural Use Overlay District ordinance is intended to avoid impacts and protect the public safety, health, and welfare, and will have no potentially significant adverse impact on the physical environment. No new uses will be allowed by the creation of the overlay district, and existing allowed uses will still potentially be allowed by a discretionary process instead of by right. Therefore, it is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per the "General Rule" [CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3)].

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