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Notice of Exemption - Inyo County

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From: (Public Agency) Inyo County Planning Department
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Project Title: Zone Text Amendment 2018-03/Inyo County – Industrial Hemp Activities

Project Applicant: Inyo County, CA

Project Location - Specific: Countywide in the Open Space, Light Industrial and General Industrial and Extractive Zones.

Project Location - City: Various

Project Location - County: Inyo

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Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The applicant has applied for a Zone Text Amendment to update the Inyo County Zoning Code's Title 18.44 Central Business Zone to allow for industrial hemp activities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: 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));
- Categorical (Section 15303(a)); and (Section 15301)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Reasons why project is exempt: ZTA 2018-03 that amends Title 18 to allow for Industrial Hemp Activities in the Open Space, Light Industrial and General Industrial and Extractive zones, as a Conditional Use, is covered by the General Rule 15061(b)(3) that


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states 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. This project is a proposal to allow for Industrial Hemp activities as conditional used in the Open Space, Light Industrial and General Industrial and Extractive zones and includes no development proposals. Projects subsequent to this ordinance will require discretionary approval and therefore will be required to include CEQA evaluations at the time of application.

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