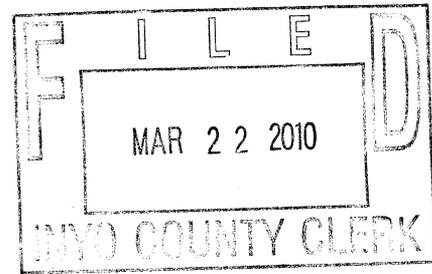




**CITY OF BISHOP**  
 Environmental Protection Agency  
 377 West Line Street  
 Bishop, California 93514



**MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**CITY COUNCIL ACTING AS ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY**

Responsible Agency

**HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS SIGNAGE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

Project Title

**636 NORTH MAIN STREET**

**BISHOP**

**INYO**

**93514**

Address

City

County

Zip

**SNK LODGING, DAVID BHAKTA, 636 NORTH MAIN STREET, BISHOP, CA 93514**

Name and Address of Project Proponent

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Environmental Review on a request for a Conditional Use Permit to set aside Bishop Municipal Code Section 17.76.100 Signs-Commercial districts to allow a 166 square feet of new and reconfigured pylon signage for the Holiday Inn Express which would exceed the allowable 80 square feet of signage by 86 square feet. The proposed pylon sign will have a height of 19 feet which will be 11 feet under the allowed height of 30 feet. The facility's existing pylon sign configuration is permitted under a Conditional Use Permit (April 27, 1999) which allows a 119 square feet pylon sign.

**RICHARD F. PUCCI, PLANNING DIRECTOR**

**(760)**

**873-5863**

Contact Person

Area Code

Phone

**DECISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**FINDINGS:** On the basis of the Initial Study, Environmental Evaluation, and mitigation measures on file in the City of Bishop Public Works Department, the proposed project involves no potential for adverse effect, either individually or cumulatively, on wildlife, native plants, streams, water courses, scenic or historic resources and human beings.

**MITIGATIONS:**

**GEOLOGY AND SOILS** (Section VI. Of the Initial Study) - The applicant will be required to provide a structural evaluation and design on the existing pylon sign pole and foundation assuring the structure is safe and able to carry wind and seismic loads per California Building Codes.

**HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS SIGNAGE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

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TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC (Section XV. of the Initial Study) - The applicant will be required to clearly identify the state right of way and obtain an encroachment permit for any work occurring in the right of way and any signage which encroaches onto the right of way.

  
Richard F. Pucci, Planning Director  
DATE: March 15, 2010



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**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

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TO:

Office of Planning and Research  
 P. O. Box 3044  
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

Inyo County Clerk/Recorder  
 P. O. Drawer F  
 Independence, CA 93526

FROM:

CITY OF BISHOP  
 P. O. Box 1236 / 377 West Line Street  
 Bishop, CA 93515

Contact: Richard F. Pucci, City Administrator  
 Phone: (760) 873-5863

Lead Agency (if different from above)  
 Address:  
 Contact:  
 Phone:

**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.**

State Clearing House Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): N/A

PROJECT TITLE: HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS SIGNAGE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

PROJECT LOCATION (include county): 636 NORTH MAIN STREET, BISHOP (INYO COUNTY)

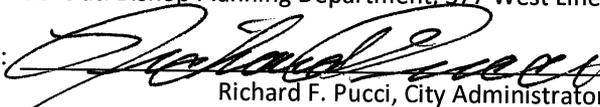
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This is to advise that the City of Bishop [ Lead Agency  Responsible Agency] has approved the above described project on March 8, 2010 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project [ will  will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2.  An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measure [ were  were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [ was  was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [ was  was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [ were  were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at: Bishop Planning Department, 377 West Line Street, Bishop, California 93514.

Public Agency Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Richard F. Pucci, City Administrator/Planning Director

Date: March 15, 2010

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_



**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**

http://www.dfg.ca.gov  
Environmental Review and Permitting  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1260  
Sacramento, California 95814



**CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination Form**

**Applicant Name:** SNK Lodging

**Date Submitted:** 3/11/10

**Applicant Address:** 636 N. Main Street  
Bishop, CA 93514

**Project Name:** Environmental Review / Holiday Inn Express Signage

**CEQA Lead Agency:** City of Bishop

**CEQA Document Type:** (ND, MND, EIR) MND

**SCH Number and/or local agency ID number:** N/A

**Project Location:** The project is located at 636 North Main Street within the incorporated area of Bishop, California. The site is a 1.24 acre parcel between the cross streets of Park Avenue and East Elm Street (APN 01-030-02).

**Brief Project Description:** The Initial Study concerns a request by SNK Lodging to set aside Bishop Municipal Code Section 17.76.100 Signs-Commercial Districts. The request is for 166 square feet of new and reconfigured pylon sign at the existing Holiday Inn Express, 636 North Main Street, exceeding the allowable eighty (80) square feet of signage by eighty six (86) square feet. The proposed pylon sign will have a height of nineteen (19) feet which will be eleven (11) feet under the allowed height of thirty (30) feet. The facilities existing pylon sign configuration is permitted under a conditional use permit (April 27, 1999) which allows a 119 sq. ft. pylon sign.

**Determination:** Based on a review of the Project as proposed, the Department of Fish and Game has determined that for purposes of the assessment of CEQA filing fees [F&G Code 711.4(c)] the project has no potential effect on fish, wildlife and habitat and the project as described does not require payment of a CEQA filing fee. This determination does not in any way imply that the project is exempt from CEQA and does not determine the significance of any potential project effects evaluated pursuant to CEQA.

Please retain this original determination for your records; you are required to file a copy of this determination with the County Clerk after your project is approved and at the time of filing of the CEQA lead agency's Notice of Determination (NOD). If you do not file a copy of this determination with the County Clerk at the time of filing of the NOD, the appropriate CEQA filing fee will be due and payable.

Without a valid No Effect Determination Form or proof of fee payment, the project will not be operative, vested, or final and any local permits issued for the project will be invalid, pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 711.4(c)(3).

DFG Approval By: Tammy Burnett Date: 3/16/10

Title: Environmental Scientist