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Notice of Determination - Inyo County

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From (Public Agency): Inyo County Public Works Department
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: Inyo County Eastern Sierra Museum Expansion; SCH#2015121014

Project Applicant: County of Inyo, California

Project Location: Inyo County California

Project Description: The Proposed Engine House will be a 40' wide X 75' long structure. The structure will be used to store, maintain, display, and operate Engine 18 and other railroad artifacts. Approximately 130 lineal feet of usable track will be laid inside the Engine House with approximately 1,000 lineal feet of exterior track. Interior improvements: may include a concrete slab, may include work bench and other equipment for maintenance and restoration work, may include bathroom facilities, may include break/meeting room, two track lines, electrical outlets/lighting, etc. Part of the new exterior tracks will be placed in areas designated Open Space & Recreation and zoned Open Spaces. The portion of the Eastern California Museum that is zoned and designated Open Space will be rezoned to Public and re-designated.

Project Action: Eastern California Museum Expansion Project and General Plan Amendment (GPA) No. 2015-02/Inyo County Eastern California Museum and Zone Reclassification (ZR) No. 2015-02/Inyo County Eastern California Museum.

Project Contact Person: Clint Quilter, Public Works Director, 760-878-0201

Lead Agency: Inyo County Public Works Department

16-00024

Summary:

This is to advise that the Inyo County Board of Supervisors approved the above-described project on June 7, 2016 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.
 No CEQA documents necessary for this application, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final Mitigated Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at offices of the Inyo County Public Works Department, 168 N. Edwards Street, Independence, California.



Clint Quilter

Director, Inyo County Public Works Department

Title

June 7, 2016

Date

Date received for filing at OPR:

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CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination

Applicant Name and Address: Inyo County Public Works Department

CEQA Lead Agency: Inyo County

Project Name: Eastern Sierra Museum Expansion

CEQA Document Type: Mitigated Negative Declaration

State Clearing House Number and/or local agency ID number: 2015121014

Project Location: 115 N Grant Street, Independence, CA. The proposed project is located on the grounds of the Eastern Sierra Museum, to the south of the existing parking lot and museum building on the south end of the parcel.

Brief Project Description: The proposed project involves the construction of a 40' wide x 75' long Engine House. The structure will be used to store, maintain, and display Engine 18 (an operational exhibit) and other railroad artifacts. Approximately 130 lineal feet of useable track will be laid inside the Engine House with approximately 1,000 lineal feet of exterior track. The project will involve zoning reclassification to Public and General Plan re-designation to Public Facilities.

Determination: Based on a review of the project as proposed, the Department of Fish and Wildlife has determined that for purposes of the assessment of CEQA filing fees (Fish and G. Code § 711.4(c)) the project has no effect on fish, wildlife or their 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. Local lead agencies are required to file two copies of this determination with the county clerk at time of filing of the Notice of Determination (NOD) after the project is approved. State lead agencies are required to file two copies of this determination with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (State Clearinghouse) at the time of filing the NOD. If you do not file a copy of this determination as appropriate with the county clerk or State Clearinghouse at the time of filing of the NOD, the appropriate CEQA filing fee will be due and payable.

Without a valid CEQA Filing Fee 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 FGC Section 711.4(c)(3).

Approved By: Heidi Calvert
 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

Date:

2/15/16