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 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

(Article III, Section 3, City CEQA Guidelines)

FORM RP 1-1-91

Submission of this form is optional. This form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 12400 East Imperial Highway, Norwalk, California 90650, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152(b). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21168(d), the filing of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitation on Court challenges to the approval of the project. Failure to file this notice with the County Clerk results in the statute of limitation being extended to 180 days.

<b>LEAD CITY AGENCY AND ADDRESS:</b> City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, 221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90012	<b>COUNCIL DISTRICT:</b> 12
<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b> HOLLEIGH BERNSON MEMORIAL PARK AND LIMEKILN CANYON PARK - Approval of License Agreements for Placement, Operation and Maintenance of Air Monitoring Stations	<b>LOG REFERENCE:</b> BR 22-098

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 20500 Sesnon Blvd, Northridge, CA 91326 and 19585 Rinaldi St, Porter Ranch, CA 91326

**DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:**

The proposed Project consists in a license agreement between the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and Argos Inc. to install, operate and maintain one community air monitoring station in each park until August 1, 2025.

Beneficiaries of the project are the residents of Chatsworth.

<b>CONTACT PERSON:</b> ELENA MAGGIONI	<b>AREA CODE</b> 213	<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER:</b> 482-6980	<b>EXT.</b>
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<b>EXEMPT STATUS:</b> (Check One)	<b>CITY CEQA GUIDELINES</b>	<b>STATE CEQA GUIDELINES</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> DECLARED EMERGENCY	Art. II, Sec. 2a(1)	ART. 18, Sec. 15269(a)
<input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY PROJECT	Art. II, Sec. 2(a)(2)(3)	ART. 18, Sec. 15269(b)(c)
<input type="checkbox"/> MINISTERIAL PROJECT	Art. II, Sec. 2b	ART. 18, Sec. 15268
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION	Art. II, Sec. 2(c) See Below	ART. 19, Sec. 15300 -15333
<input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL EXEMPTION	Art. II, Sec. 2(d)	ART. 18, Sec. 15262
<input type="checkbox"/> STATUTORY EXEMPTION	Art. II, Sec. 2(i)	ART. 18, Sec. 15282

  

Class	Category	(City CEQA Guidelines)	(State CEQA Guidelines)
1	14	Art. III, Sec(s). 1(a)(14)	Art. 19, Sec(s). 15301
3	4	Art. III, Sec(s). 1(c)(4)	Art. 19, Sec(s). 15303
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OTHER (See Public Resources Code Sect. 21080(b) and set forth in state & city guidelines provisions)

**JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:**

The proposed agreement is are categorically exempt from the provisions of the CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) and Class 3(4) of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Section 15301 and 15303 of California CEQA Guidelines. None of the limitations set forth in State CEQA Guidelines 15300.2 apply, see attached narrative.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING

<b>SIGNATURE:</b> ELENA MAGGIONI Environmental Supervisor		<b>DATE:</b> 5/18/2023
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<b>FEE \$75.00</b>	<b>RECEIPT NO.</b>	<b>REC'D. BY:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>
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# **HOLLEIGH BERNSON MEMORIAL PARK AND LIMEKILN CANYON PARK - Approval of License Agreements for Placement, Operation and Maintenance of Air Monitoring Stations**

## **CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION NARRATIVE**

### **I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The proposed Project consists in a license agreement between the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and Argos Inc. to install, operate and maintain one community air monitoring station in each park until August 1, 2025.

The installation of these stations are included in the consent decree signed on February 29, 2019 by the California Attorney General, together with the California Air Resources Board, the Los Angeles City Attorney, the County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Counsel with Southern California Gas (SoCal Gas) to resolve litigation related to the Aliso Canyon gas leak in 2018.

The stations will be operated with the specific goal of providing air quality information to the surrounding community, and that data collected from the Stations will be made available to the public through a publicly accessible website. The data that is collected includes methane, benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene, xylene (collectively known as BTEX) and other gaseous pollutants. If levels of methane, BTEX or other measured pollutants exceed predetermined thresholds, public notifications will be sent to community members who have signed up for these emails and text notifications. Included in the message will be the gas detected, its concentration, and the location of the monitoring station where the exceedance occurred.

The Station at Holleigh Bernson Memorial Park will occupy 2 parking spaces, within the parking lot of the Park.

The Station at Limekiln Canyon Park will occupy a footprint of approximately 16 feet x 14 feet within the approximately 6,505 square foot concrete area located on the corner of Tampa Avenue and Sesnon Boulevard in Porter Ranch,

The project is located at 20500 Sesnon Blvd, Northridge, CA 91326 and 19585 Rinaldi St, Porter Ranch, CA 91326, in the Chatsworth - Porter Ranch Community Planning Area (Fig.1).

### **II. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

#### **Basis for Categorical Exemption**

The proposed Project consists of the issuance of a license to use an existing facility involving negligible or no expansion of use and of the installation of new equipment required for safety, health, the public convenience, and environmental control, involving negligible or no expansion of use.

The proposed agreement is are categorically exempt from the provisions of the CEQA pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) and Class 3(4) of City CEQA Guidelines as well as to Article 19, Section 15301 and 15303 of California CEQA Guidelines.

#### **Consideration of Potential Exceptions to Use of a Categorical Exemption**

The State CEQA Guidelines (CCR Sec 15300.2) limit the use of categorical exemptions

in the following circumstances:

**1. Location.** Exemption Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may be significant in a particularly sensitive environment. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply to all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

The proposed project falls under Class 1 and 3 and could potentially constitute an exception to CEQA exemptions. According to the parcel profile report retrieved April 6, 2023, this area does not reside in a liquefaction or a coastal zone. The sites are within a methane zone and the equipment installed will contribute to monitor methane seepage, but does not increase the risk of exposing park patrons to additional methane seepage. Therefore, the project does not impact on a recognized environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern, therefore, this exception has no application here.

**2. Cumulative Impact.** This exception applies when, although a particular project may not have a significant impact, the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

The proposed project consists of the temporary installation of methane monitoring devices. No other known projects would involve cumulatively significant impacts, and no future projects would result from the proposed project. Therefore, this exception has no application here.

**3. Significant Effect.** This exception applies when, although the project may otherwise be exempt, there is a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect due to unusual circumstances.

RAP is not aware of any unusual circumstances associated with this project. Therefore, this exception has no application here.

**4. Scenic Highway.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project that may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.

The proposed project is not within sight of any state designated scenic highway, nor of any other historic and scenic resource. Therefore, this exception has no application here.

**5. Hazardous Waste Site.** This exception applies when a project is located on a site listed as a hazardous waste site under Government Code Section 65962.5.

As of 5/18/2023, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (Envirostor at [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov)) and the State Water Resources Control Board (Geotracker at <https://Geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov>) have not listed any site within the project area or in a 1,000 feet radius from the area. Therefore, this exception has no application here.

**6. Historical Resources.** This exception applies when a project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The proposed project area is not located in proximity of known historical, paleontological or archeological resources. No excavation is required for the installation of the monitoring devices, and this office does not anticipate the disruption of archaeological or paleontological resources.

Therefore, this exception has no application here.



**Figure 1. Project Location**



## List of References

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