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Notice of Exemption

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By

Deputy Clerk

From: (Public Agency):
County of Imperial
Planning & Development Services
801 Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243

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County of Imperial
940 Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243

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Project Title: It Takes a Village

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Project Applicant: Imperial County Behavioral Health Services

Imperial County Clerk-Recorder
California

Project Location – Specific:
120 N 8th Street, El Centro, CA 92243 (APN 053-095-002-000 & 053-095-003)

Project Location – City: El Centro Project Location – County: Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

ICBHS has been providing services to children, youth and their families in locations within close proximity to their residences to eliminate barriers to accessing mental health services. Due to its centralized location, the El Centro Children's and Adolescent Outpatient Clinic located at 120 N 8th Street has been providing services to residents from the cities of El Centro, Heber, Holtville, Imperial and Seeley. The facility was originally a motel built in 1947 and was purchased by the County in 1974 to convert it into offices. The facility has been utilized by ICBHS since 1974 with minor changes and minor remodeling done to the structure. ICBHS has not been able to maximize the use of the space as the facility continues to have some of the original kitchenettes, showers, and closets that are solely used for storage. The configuration of the building has prevented ICBHS from increasing clinical staff at this location, limiting the mental health services provided to children and youth. The remodel of the clinic will augment capacity to mitigate the rising trends in mental health service utilization by children and youth.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Imperial County Planning and Development Services

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Luis Bejarano, Planner II

Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions, State Code _____ CA Welfare and Institutions Code
- ☒ Number: _____ Section 5960.3

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is statutorily exempt from CEQA under WIC Section 5960.3 applicable to a facility project being funded by the California Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program ("BHCIP") funds, that meets all applicable requirements of WIC 5960.3(b), which this Project meets.

Lead Agency

Area Code/

Contact Person: Jim Minnick

Telephone Extension: 442-265-1736

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 7-9-2025

ICPDS

Title: Assistant Director

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☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for Filing at OPR: _____