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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 28, 2000

TO: Planning Staff

FROM: Peter N. Maurer, Principal Planner *PNM*

SUBJECT: Categorical Exemptions, Modification to County Environmental Manual

Attached is a copy of Resolution No. 179-99, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on July 27, 1999. This adds to the list of categorically exempt projects "Design reviews for projects located in the Barnett Business Park as defined on the Attached Exhibit A." (sic)

Interestingly, Exhibit A is the original resolution adopting the Environmental Manual in 1987 (Resolution No. 61-87) and not the "definition" of the business park. The boundaries of the park are shown on Exhibit B, which we must assume was the intent of the resolution.

Please make sure you add this language to your copy of the county's manual, and process such applications accordingly. The fee, as stated in the revised fee schedule, for Barnett Business Park Design Reviews is \$440. It should be noted, however, that due to special circumstances applying to the site, if significant environmental effects of a project are identified, an otherwise exempt project can be determined to be subject to CEQA. For example, see CEQA Guidelines §15300.2(f), regarding historical resources and exempt projects.

Although I do not believe the adoption of this resolution meets the requirements of CEQA regarding a local agency's addition of exemptions (See §15300.3) it appears that it was intended to fall into the Class 3 category, "New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures." When documenting the project and filing the notice of exemption, refer to this section and the County's resolution. I.e., "Categorically exempt pursuant to §15303, pursuant to El Dorado County Board of Supervisors' Resolution No. 179-99."



RESOLUTION No. 179-99

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

AMENDMENT TO THE EL DORADO COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANUAL FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

(Supercedes Resolution No. 61-87)

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code Section 21082 requires local agencies to adopt procedures for implementation of the State CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, an Environmental Manual is necessary for the effective environmental review of projects; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted the El Dorado County Environmental Manual for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on March 17, 1987; and

WHEREAS, current environmental review requirements are creating an unnecessary burden on industrial development in the Barnett Business Park since it duplicates reviews which occur with initial parcel maps which divide the land and provides necessary infrastructure,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby amend the El Dorado County Environmental Manual for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act as shown below:

2.4 - PROJECTS EXEMPT FROM CEQA

- A. The implementing procedures contained herein shall not apply to the following:
1. Projects which are determined to be exempt by the statutory or categorical exemptions as identified in Article 18 and Article 19 of the State CEQA Guidelines.
 2. Projects which are determined to be ministerial projects, as defined in Section 15268 of the State CEQA Guidelines. The following activities are determined to be ministerial projects by El Dorado County:

- a. Issuance of building permits.
- b. Issuance of Environmental Health permits such a sewage system disposal, food establishment, small water systems, swimming pool and spa, and underground storage tank permits.
- c. Issuance of business licenses.
- d. Approval of final or parcel maps.
- e. Approval of boundary line adjustment, reversions to acreage, or certificates of compliance, when in conformance with the County zoning code and the Subdivision Map Act, and when no condition other than payment of fees pursuant to the County Code is required.
- f. Encroachment permits.
- g. Design reviews for projects located within the Barnett Business Park as defined on the Attached Exhibit A.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 27TH day of JULY, 19 99 by the following vote of said Board:
 SUPERVISORS: RAYMOND J. NUTTING, J. MARK NIELSEN, PENNY HUMPHREYS, DAVID A. SOLARO
 Ayes:

ATTEST

DIXIE L. FOOTE
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By Margaret Moady
Deputy Clerk

Noes: SUPERVISOR: WILLIAM S. BRADLEY

Absent: NONE
J. Mark Nielsen
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

I CERTIFY THAT:
THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.

DATE _____

ATTEST: DIXIE L. FOOTE, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado, State of California.

By _____