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Notice of Exemption (NOE)

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From (Public Agency):		Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Authority	
Project Title:	LA-RICS Land Mobile Radio (LMR) System - Site UNIV		
Project Applicant:	LA-RICS Authority, 2525 Corporate Place, #200, Monterey Park, CA 91754		
Facility Name:	Universal Studios (UNIV) City Plaza and City Walk locations	Facility Type:	Private
Project Description: (Technical Specifications)	<p>Installation of up to 20 whip and up to 7 microwave antennas on the roof top of the existing building on City Plaza. Construction would also include installation of equipment racks and associated equipment in an existing equipment room in the building or a new equipment shelter to be constructed on the roof or on the ground adjacent to the building, and connection to existing electrical infrastructure. The proposed installation may use an existing generator in the building or may include installation of a new 85kW diesel generator, with an up to 1,500-gallon fuel tank on the ground adjacent to the building. Proposed installation of up to 800 feet of chain-link fence up to 12 feet high may also be required depending on location of equipment shelter and generator.</p> <p>Development of the City Walk location would include the installation of up to 20 whip antennas on the existing tower structure and one microwave antenna on the rooftop of the existing building. The City Walk location for Site UNIV would also include installation of LMR radio equipment in an existing equipment room in the building or a new equipment shelter to be constructed on the roof or on the ground adjacent to the building, and connection to existing electrical infrastructure. The proposed installation may use an existing generator in the building or may include installation of a new 85kW diesel generator, with an up to 1,500-gallon fuel tank on the ground adjacent to the building. Proposed installation of up to 800 feet of chain-link fence up to 12 feet high may also be required depending on location of equipment shelter and generator.</p>		
Jurisdiction Location:	City of Los Angeles (City Plaza site) and County of Los Angeles (City Walk site)	County Location:	Los Angeles (City Plaza site) and Universal City (Unincorporated) (City Walk site)
Site Address:	100 Universal City Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 91608 1000 Universal Studios Boulevard, Universal City, CA 91608		
LatitudeWGS84:		LongitudeWGS84:	
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:	The LA-RICS LMR system is a modern, integrated wireless voice and narrowband data communications system designed and built to serve law enforcement, fire service, health service, and public works professionals throughout Los Angeles County. The new system would provide day-to-day communications within and among agencies and allow seamless interagency communications when responding to routine, emergency, and catastrophic events. It would support more than 80 public safety agencies represented by approximately 34,000 first responders and 17,000 secondary responders serving more than 10 million residents, tourists, and commuters in the region.		
Name of Public Agency Approving Project:	LA-RICS Authority		
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:	LA-RICS Authority		
Exempt Status:	Categorical Exemptions. CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303, 15304.		Exempt
Reasons Why the Project Is Exempt:	<p>Categorical Exemption Findings: The project at both the City Plaza and City Walk locations qualifies under Class 1 because this location includes an existing structure that would be used to support proposed antennas. The project would not result in any expansion of use of the site because no staff would be required at the site to operate the LMR equipment and operational activities at the site would be limited to routine inspections, maintenance and repairs.</p> <p>The project at both the City Plaza and City Walk locations qualifies under Class 3 because it consists of construction of a limited number of new, small facilities. Only antennas, equipment cabinets, a generator with fuel tank, fencing / walls, and minor appurtenances would be constructed. No new occupied structures would be constructed.</p>		

The project at both the City Plaza and City Walk locations qualifies under Class 4 because the project would result in no more than 3,000 square feet of temporary ground disturbance, no native vegetation would be altered, and no waters would be affected. In addition, no healthy mature scenic trees would be removed.

No exceptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 would apply.

To the extent some leased circuit work may need to occur outside of the LMR site, such work would involve minor alteration of existing facilities, mechanical equipment, and location of new small facilities as well as minor alteration in the condition of land within the public right-of-way. There would be negligible to no expansion of use associated with this activity since the fiber for the leased circuit lines are dedicated to providing this type of connectivity. Leased circuit work would not include the removal of healthy, mature scenic trees and would not be located in a particularly sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the categorical exemptions inapplicable based on the project records.

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