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CEQA Exemption Determination

PROPERTY INFORMATION/PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Address		Block/Lot(s)
RPD- Outside Lands Lease		1700001
Case No.		**Permit No.**
2019-000684ENV		
■ **Addition/ Alteration**	☐ **Demolition (requires HRE for Category B Building)**	☐ **New Construction**

Project description for Planning Department approval.
Amendment to the City's Use Permit with Another Planet Entertainment for the annual three-day music festival in Golden Gate Park (aka "Outside Lands"), to extend the term for an additional 10 years and to update certain provisions related to rents and cost reimbursements based on cost of living and other increases, with terms substantially the same as the draft dated December 1, 2018.

See page 4 for modified project descriptions.

EXEMPTION TYPE

The project has been determined to be exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

☐	**Class 1 - Existing Facilities.** **(CEQA Guidelines section 15301)** Interior and exterior alterations; additions under 10,000 sq. ft.
☐	**Class 3 - New Construction.** **(CEQA Guidelines section 15303)** Up to three new single-family residences or six dwelling units in one building; commercial/office structures; utility extensions; change of use under 10,000 sq. ft. if principally permitted or with a CU.
☐	**Class 32 - In-Fill Development.** **(CEQA Guidelines section 15332)** New Construction of seven or more units or additions greater than 10,000 sq. ft. and meets the conditions described below: (a) The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations. (b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than 5 acres substantially surrounded by urban uses. (c) The project site has no value as habitat for endangered rare or threatened species. (d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality. (e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.
■	**Other ____** Class 4 - Temporary Use
☐	**Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3)).** It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility of a significant effect on the environment.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING ASSESSMENT

Comments:
Planner Signature: Joy Navarrete

PROPERTY STATUS - HISTORIC RESOURCE

PROPERTY IS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:	
☐	**Category A:** Known Historical Resource.
■	**Category B:** Potential Historical Resource (over 45 years of age).
☐	**Category C:** Not a Historical Resource or Not Age Eligible (under 45 years of age).

PROPOSED WORK CHECKLIST

Check all that apply to the project.	
☐	**Change of use and new construction.** Tenant improvements not included.
☐	**Regular maintenance or repair** to correct or repair deterioration, decay, or damage to building.
☐	**Garage work.** A new opening that meets the *Guidelines for Adding Garages and Curb Cuts*, or replacement of a garage door in an existing opening that meets the Residential Design Guidelines.
☐	**Deck, terrace construction, or fences** not visible from any immediately adjacent public right-of-way.
☐	**Mechanical equipment installation** that is not visible from any immediately adjacent public right-of-way.
☐	**Dormer installation** that meets the requirements for exemption from public notification under *Zoning Administrator Bulletin No. 3: Dormer Windows*.
☐	**Addition(s)** not visible from any immediately adjacent public right-of-way for 150 feet in each direction; or does not extend vertically beyond the floor level of the top story of the structure, or does not cause the removal of architectural significant roofing features.
☐	**Façade or storefront alterations** that do not remove, alter, or obscure character -defining features.
☐	**Restoration** based upon documented evidence of a building's historic condition, such as historic photographs, plans, physical evidence, or similar buildings.
Note: Project Planner must check box below before proceeding.	
■	Project is not listed.
☐	Project involves scope of work listed above.

ADVANCED HISTORICAL REVIEW

Check all that apply to the project.

☐ **Reclassification of property status**. *(Attach HRER Part I relevant analysis; requires Principal Preservation Planner approval)*

- ☐ Reclassify to Category A
- ☐ Reclassify to Category C
- ☐ Lacks Historic Integrity
- ☐ Lacks Historic Significance

☐ Project involves a **known historical resource (CEQA Category A)**

☐ Project does not substantially impact character-defining features of a historic resource (see Comments)

☐ Project is compatible, yet differentiated, with a historic resource.

☐ Project consistent with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties

Note: If ANY box above is checked, a Preservation Planner MUST sign below.

■ **Project can proceed with EXEMPTION REVIEW**. The project has been reviewed by the Preservation Planner and can proceed with exemption review.

Comments by Preservation Planner:

Preservation Planner Signature: Joy Navarrete

EXEMPTION DETERMINATION

■ **No further environmental review is required. The project is exempt under CEQA. There are no unusual circumstances that would result in a reasonable possibility of a significant effect.**

Project Approval Action:	**Signature:**
Recreation and Parks Commission Approval	Joy Navarrete 01/17/2019

Supporting documents are available for review on the San Francisco Property Information Map, which can be accessed at https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/. Individual files can be viewed by clicking on the Planning Applications link, clicking the "More Details" link under the project's environmental record number (ENV) and then clicking on the "Related Documents" link.

Once signed and dated, this document constitutes an exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines and chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code. Per chapter 31, an appeal of an exemption determination to the Board of Supervisors shall be filed within 30 days after the approval action occurs at a noticed public hearing, or within 30 days after posting on the planning department's website (https://sfplanning.org/resource/ceqa-exemptions) a written decision or written notice of the approval action, if the approval is not made at a noticed public hearing.

Full Project Description

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Modified Project Description: 5/17/2013
The San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department (SFRPD) proposes to issue a new permit to Another Planet Entertainment to allow an additional three-day music event in addition to the Outside Lands Festival, which is currently permitted from 2022-2031. The proposed new music event would occur at the Polo Fields in Golden Gate Park, and would include one stage within an approximately 25 acre event area. The use permit would allow a maximum capacity of 65,000 attendees per day, and permitted hours would occur from 2pm to 10pm on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday following the Outside Lands Festival for one weekend. The new permit for the concert would allow one concert per year from 2023 through 2025, for a total of one concert per year for three years. The permit conditions include terms to limit amplified sound including deploying staff to monitor noise levels in the surrounding communities and to modify the sound levels at the event. The permit conditions also require the preparation of Transportation Management Plan prepared in coordination with San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) and San Francisco Police Department (SFPD). The permit conditions required for the event would reduce the temporary noise and transportation impacts.

Modified Project Description: 4/7/2026
SFRPD proposes to extend its existing permit with Another Planet Entertainment to continue authorizing a three-day music event at the Polo Fields following the Outside Lands Festival through 2029, with two optional three-year extensions. Existing permit conditions would remain in effect, including measures to limit amplified sound through monitoring and adjustments, as well as preparation of a Transportation Management Plan in coordination with SFMTA and SFPD to minimize temporary noise and transportation impacts.

MODIFICATION OF A CEQA EXEMPT PROJECT

TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER

In accordance with Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, when a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exempt project changes after the Approval Action and requires a subsequent approval, the Environmental Review Officer (or his or her designee) must determine whether the proposed change constitutes a substantial modification of that project. This checklist shall be used to determine whether the proposed changes to the approved project would constitute a "substantial modification" and, therefore, be subject to additional environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

MODIFIED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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DETERMINATION IF PROJECT CONSTITUTES SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION

Compared to the approved project, would the modified project:	
☐	Result in expansion of the building envelope, as defined in the Planning Code;
☐	Result in the change of use that would require public notice under Planning Code Sections 311 or 312;
☐	Result in demolition as defined under Planning Code Section 317 or 1005(f)?
☐	Is any information being presented that was not known and could not have been known at the time of the original determination, that shows the originally approved project may no longer qualify for the exemption?
If at least one of the above boxes is checked, further environmental review is required	

DETERMINATION OF NO SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION

■	The proposed modification would not result in any of the above changes.

If this box is checked, the proposed modifications are exempt under CEQA, in accordance with prior project approval and no additional environmental review is required. This determination shall be posted on the Planning Department website and office and mailed to the applicant, City approving entities, and anyone requesting written notice. In accordance with Chapter 31, Sec 31.08j of the San Francisco Administrative Code, an appeal of this determination can be filed to the Environmental Review Officer within 10 days of posting of this determination.

Planner Name:	**Date:**
Don Lewis	04/13/2026