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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND INTENT TO ADOPT A  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

A Negative Declaration (ND) has been prepared by the California State Lands Commission (CSLC), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.), in response to purchase applications submitted by Chasterus Foundation and Salvation Mountain Inc. for the California State Lands Commission Proposed Sale of School Lands in Imperial County (Project). The ND is in compliance with the requirements of CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.), and CSLC Regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 2901 et seq.).

**Project Title:** California State Lands Commission Proposed Sale of School Lands in Imperial County

**Project Location:** The Project is located within Section 36 of Township 10 South, Range 14 East, San Bernardino Meridian, approximately 2 miles east-northeast of the community of Niland on the southeast side of the Salton Sea in Imperial County.

**Project Description:** The CSLC proposes to partition a 640-acre School Lands parcel and sell two smaller parcels known as "Salvation Mountain" (160 acres) and "East Jesus" (30 acres) within the larger parcel (Assessor's Parcel Number 003-240-005).

**Hazardous Waste and Substances Statement:** The Project involves lands on a list enumerated under section 65962.5 of the Government Code (Cortese List); listed pursuant to section 25356 of the Health and Safety Code; Regulatory identification number: 401714; date of list: 6/23/2014. (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15072, subd. (g)(5).)

**Applicants:**

Chasterus Foundation, for East Jesus parcel, 336 N. St. Louis Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033  
Salvation Mountain Inc., for Salvation Mountain parcel, P.O. Box 1577, Calipatria, CA 92262

The Project ND can be downloaded, in PDF format, at [www.slc.ca.gov](http://www.slc.ca.gov) (click on the Information and CEQA Updates links). Hard copies and/or CDs of the ND are also available for review at the locations below:

Calipatria Branch Library 105 S Lake Ave. Calipatria, CA 92233	California State Lands Commission 2100 Oceangate, 12 <sup>th</sup> Floor Long Beach, CA 90802	California State Lands Commission <sup>1</sup> 100 Howe Ave., Suite 100-South Sacramento, CA 95825
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The ND is available for at least a 30-day review period beginning Friday, October 30, 2015, and ending Monday, November 30, 2015. All comments must be received on or before **November 30, 2015**, and can be sent to:

California State Lands Commission Attention: Christopher Huitt, M.S. 100 Howe Ave., Suite 100-South Sacramento, CA 95825	Email: <a href="mailto:CEQAcomments@slc.ca.gov">CEQAcomments@slc.ca.gov</a> Fax: (916) 574-1885
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### **Important Notes to Commenters**

1. You are encouraged to submit electronic copies of your written comments. If written comments are sent by e-mail, please send the comments to [CEQAcomments@slc.ca.gov](mailto:CEQAcomments@slc.ca.gov) and write the following in the subject line of your email: **Sale of School Lands in Imperial County Comments**. If written comments are faxed, please also mail a copy to ensure that a clean copy is received by this office.
2. If you represent a public agency, please provide the name, e-mail address, and telephone number for the contact person in your agency for the Project.
3. Before including your mailing or e-mail address, telephone number, or other personal identifying information in your comment, please be aware that the entire comment—including personal identifying information—may become publicly available, including in the ND and posted on the Internet). The CSLC will make available for inspection, in their entirety, all comments submitted by organizations or businesses or by individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations or businesses.

The Project's ND will be considered for adoption at the December 18, 2015, scheduled meeting of the CSLC, unless otherwise stated on the CSLC's website. The specific time and location will be posted on the CSLC's website at [www.slc.ca.gov](http://www.slc.ca.gov) when specific meeting information becomes known.

Should you have any questions or need additional information from a State or CEQA perspective, please contact Christopher Huitt at (916) 574-2080, or via e-mail at [Christopher.Huitt@slc.ca.gov](mailto:Christopher.Huitt@slc.ca.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> All documents referenced in the ND will also be available at this address for public review during normal working hours. (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15072, subd. (g)(4).)