

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM: 3.15  
(ID # 16722)**

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, August 17, 2021

**FROM :** FACILITIES MANAGEMENT:

**SUBJECT:** FACILITIES MANAGEMENT-REAL ESTATE (FM-RE): Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-152, Authorization to Abandon the Radec Cemetery and Dedicate a Pioneer Memorial Park, located in the unincorporated area of Aguanga, County of Riverside, California, identified by Assessor Parcel Number 583-030-040, CEQA Exempt, District 3. [\$0] (Clerk to File CEQA Notice of Exemption)

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the project is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) Common Sense Exemption;
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-152 to Authorize the Abandonment of Radec Cemetery and Dedicate a Pioneer Memorial Park, identified by Assessor Parcel Number 583-030-040;
3. Authorize the Director of Facilities Management or designee to execute any other documents and administer all actions necessary to complete the abandonment and dedication; and
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board to file the attached Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk within five working days of approval by the Board.

**ACTION:**

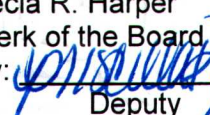
  
Rose Salgado, Director of Facilities Management 7/20/2021

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Hewitt, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: August 17, 2021  
xc: FM, Recorder

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment: No</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year: 2021/22</b>	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

On December 27, 1955, the County of Riverside accepted the donation of small but historically significant cemetery property known as Radec Cemetery. This half-acre non-endowment care cemetery is located near Highway 79 and on Sage Road in the community of Aguanga.

Health and Safety Code Sections 8825-8829 authorize a county possessing a non-endowment care cemetery within its boundaries to adopt a Resolution of Abandonment, dedicate such abandoned cemetery as a Pioneer Memorial Park and erect a suitable memorial or sign honoring those who have been interred in this cemetery.

On May 11, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved Agenda Item No. 3.8, and adopted Resolution 2021-075, which was a Notice of Declaration of Intended Abandonment of the Radec Cemetery and Dedication of a Pioneer Memorial Park. Resolution No. 2021-075 initiated the process required to formally abandon Radec Cemetery in its present form and establish a Pioneer Memorial Park dedicated to the many settlers of Aguanga Valley area. The Park will continue to be open for visitation and will honor those interred at this significant memorial cemetery.

The Clerk of the Board has published the required public notice of Declaration of Intended Abandonment and Establishment of a Pioneer Memorial Park. The Department of Facilities Management has determined that there are no copings, improvements, or embellishments which pose a threat or danger to the health, safety, comfort, or welfare to the public.

The County now wishes to finalize the formal abandonment of Radec Cemetery and to hereby Dedicate Radec Cemetery as a Pioneer Memorial Park. Staff will work to formalize a memorial sign and place the same at this Pioneer Memorial Park. The Department of Facilities Management will maintain the Pioneer Memorial Park so that it will not endanger the health, safety, comfort, or welfare of the public.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this action was reviewed and determined to be categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section



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15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities Exemption and Section 15061(b)(3), "Common Sense" Exemption. The abandonment of the Radece Cemetery and establishment of Pioneer Memorial Park is identified as the proposed project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The site will continue in its current use and will not result in an expansion of existing use. No additional direct or indirect physical environmental impacts are anticipated.

Resolution No. 2021-152 has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to legal form.

**Impact on Citizens and Businesses**

The dedication of this Pioneer Memorial Park will forever honor all of those interred at this Pioneer Memorial Park including many of the original pioneers of the Aguanga Valley.

**Attachments:**

- Resolution No. 2021-152
- Notice of Exemption
- Aerial Image

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Meghan Hahn, Administrative Analyst

8/8/2021

  
Gregory L. Priamos, Director County Counsel

7/22/2021

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-152

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4 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
5 ABANDONING THE RADEC CEMETERY AND DEDICATING A PIONEER MEMORIAL PARK  
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7 **WHEREAS**, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December, 1955, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside  
8 accepted conveyance of real property known as the Radec Cemetery, located off of Sage Road in the area  
9 of Aguanga, identified by Assessor's Parcel Number 583-030-040, and more particularly described in the  
10 legal description attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and thereby made a part hereof, in order to manage and  
11 regulate the facility as a public cemetery; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Health and Safety Code Sections 8825-8829 authorize a county possessing a non-  
13 endowment care cemetery within its boundaries to adopt a Resolution of Abandonment dedicating such  
14 abandoned cemetery as a Pioneer Memorial Park and erect a suitable memorial or sign honoring those  
15 who have been interred in this cemetery; and

16 **WHEREAS**, on May 11, 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2021-075 to  
17 provide Notice of Declaration of Intended Abandonment of Radec Cemetery and Dedicate a Pioneer  
18 Memorial Park and such Notice was subsequently published; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Radec Cemetery, as a non-endowment care cemetery, and not having more than 10  
20 human bodies interred therein for a period of five or more years preceding an abandonment, is eligible  
21 under Health and Safety Code Section 8825, et seq., to be declared a Pioneer Memorial Park; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Health and Safety Code Section 8826 requires the removal of any copings,  
23 improvements, and embellishments which are found to be a threat or danger to the health, safety,  
24 comfort, or welfare of the public, at any time after the expiration of 60 days after the first publication of  
25 Notice; and

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY:  RYAN D. YABKO  
DATE: 7/22/21



1           **WHEREAS**, the Department of Facilities Management has determined that there are no copings,  
2 improvements, or embellishments which pose a threat or danger to the health, safety, comfort, or welfare  
3 to the public; and

4           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this transfer was  
5 reviewed and determined to be categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines  
6 Section 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities Exemption and Section 15061(b)(3), "Common Sense"  
7 Exemption; and

8           **WHEREAS**, the County now wishes to formally declare the Abandonment of Radec Cemetery  
9 and to hereby Dedicate Radec Cemetery as a Pioneer Memorial Park.

10           **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED** pursuant to  
11 Health and Safety Code Section 8828, the Board of Supervisors does not intend to remove any copings,  
12 improvements, and embellishments, as none are found to be a threat or danger to the health, safety,  
13 comfort, or welfare of the public, and has found that all necessary and practical work has been  
14 completed; and

15           **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED**,  
16 by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, assembled in regular session on Tuesday, July  
17 20, 2021, that the Radec Cemetery is declared abandoned and dedicated as a Pioneer Memorial Park,  
18 effective this date; and

19           **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED**,  
20 pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 8829, the Board of Supervisors directs the Department of  
21 Facilities Management to erect a memorial sign to be placed at the Pioneer Memorial Park and to  
22 maintain the Pioneer Memorial park so that it will not endanger the health, safety, comfort, or welfare of  
23 the public.

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Exhibit "A"

All that certain real property situated in the County of Riverside, State of California, described as follows:

A portion of the W-1/2 of the SE-1/4 of the NE-1/4 of Section 19, Township 8 South, Range 1 East, S.B.B. & M., more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of said W-1/2 of the SE-1/4 of the NE-1/4 of said Section 19;

Thence N.00°59'10" West, along the easterly line thereof, a distance of 348.85 feet;

Thence S.89°27' West, a distance of 282.08 feet to the true point of beginning of the parcel of land to be described;

Thence continuing S.89°27' West, a distance of 108.00 feet; thence N.00°33' West, a distance of 87.00 feet;

Thence S.89°27' West, a distance of 234.75 feet to the easterly line of that certain parcel of land conveyed to Glenn and Pauline Coffee by deed recorded December 26, 1951, in Book 1329, Page 114, records of the Recorder of Riverside County, California;

Thence N.12°12'30" East, along said westerly line, a distance of 20.50 feet;

Thence N.89°27' East, a distance of 230.22 feet;

Thence N.00°33' West, a distance of 68.00 feet;

Thence N.89°27' East, a distance of 108.00 feet;

Thence S.00°33' East, a distance of 175 feet to the point of beginning.

2 **RESOLUTION 2021-152**

3 **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF**  
4 **RIVERSIDE ABANDONING THE RADEC CEMETERY AND DEDICATING A**  
5 **PIONEER MEMORIAL PARK**

6 ADOPTED by Riverside County Board of Supervisors on August 17, 2021.

7 ROLL CALL:

8 Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
9 Nays: None  
10 Absent: None

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12 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of  
13 Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

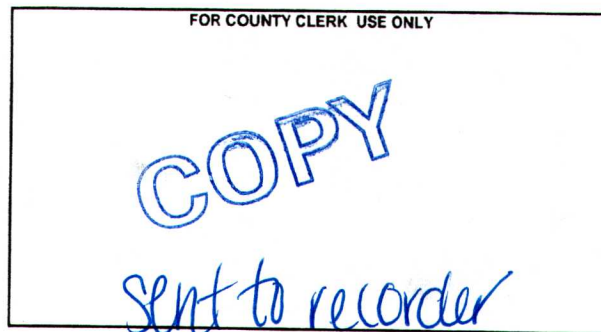
14 KECIA R. HARPER, Clerk of said Board

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County of Riverside  
Facilities Management  
3133 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA



### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

July 12, 2021

**Project Name:** Abandonment of Radec Cemetery and Dedication of Pioneer Memorial Park, Aguanga

**Project Number:** FM041059

**Project Location:** East side of Sage Road, approximately 300 feet north of Highway 79, Aguanga, California 92536, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN): 583-030-040

**Description of Project:** Since 1955, the County has owned a small but historically significant half-acre cemetery located off Sage Road in Aguanga. The County first accepted the donation of the Radec Cemetery property by Lulu I. Miller on December 27, 1955. Health and Safety Code Sections 8825-8829 authorize a county possessing a non-endowment care cemetery within its boundaries to adopt a Resolution of Abandonment, dedicate such abandoned cemetery as a Pioneer Memorial Park, and erect a suitable memorial or sign honoring those who have been interred in this cemetery.

On May 11, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved Agenda Item No. 3.8, and adopted Resolution 2021-075, Notice of Declaration of Intended Abandonment of the Radec Cemetery and Dedicate a Pioneer Memorial Park. Resolution No. 2021-075 initiated the process required to formally abandon Radec Cemetery in its present form and establish a Pioneer Memorial Park dedicated to the many settlers of Aguanga Valley area. The Park will continue to be open for visitation and will honor those interred at this memorial cemetery. The Clerk of the Board published the public notice of Declaration of Intended Abandonment and Establishment of a Pioneer Memorial Park. The Department of Facilities Management has determined that there are no copings, improvements, or embellishments which pose a threat or danger to the health, safety, comfort, or welfare to the public.

The County is proposing to finalize the Abandonment of Radec Cemetery and dedicate Radec Cemetery as a Pioneer Memorial Park. A memorial sign will be placed at Pioneer Memorial Park and the Department of Facilities Management will maintain the Pioneer Memorial Park so that it will not endanger the health, safety, comfort, or welfare of the public. The abandonment of the Radec Cemetery and establishment of Pioneer Memorial Park is identified as the proposed project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The site will continue in its current use and will not result in an expansion of existing use. No additional direct or indirect physical environmental impacts are anticipated.

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**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Riverside County

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Riverside County Facilities Management

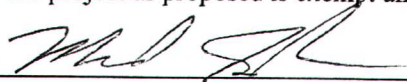
**Exempt Status:** State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b) (3), General Rule or "Common Sense" Exemption. Codified under California Code of Regulations Title 14, Article 5, Section 15061.

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA specifically by the State CEQA Guidelines as identified below. The project will not result in any specific or general exceptions to the use of the categorical exemption as detailed under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2. The project will not cause an impact to an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern nor would the project involve unusual circumstances that could potentially have a significant effect on the environment. The project would not result in impacts to scenic highways, hazardous waste sites, historic resources, or other sensitive natural environments, or have a cumulative effect to the environment. No significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur with the abandonment of the Rader Cemetery and establishment of Pioneer Memorial Park.

- **Section 15061 (b) (3) – "Common Sense" Exemption:** In accordance with CEQA, the use of the Common Sense Exemption is based on the "general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment." State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b) (3). The use of this exemption is appropriate if "it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment." *Ibid*. This determination is an issue of fact and if sufficient evidence exists in the record that the activity cannot have a significant effect on the environment, then the exemption applies and no further evaluation under CEQA is required. See *No Oil, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles* (1974) 13 Cal. 3d 68. The ruling in this case stated that if a project falls within a category exempt by administrative regulation or 'it can be seen with certainty that the activity in question will not have a significant effect on the environment', no further agency evaluation is required. With certainty, there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment. The establishment of a memorial park would create a central memorial honoring those who have been interred in the cemetery. The conversion of the cemetery to a memorial park is primarily administrative function and would not result in any direct or indirect physical environmental impacts. The site in its current condition is currently fenced and inaccessible. Therefore, in no way, would the project as proposed have the potential to cause a significant environmental impact and the project is exempt from further CEQA analysis.

Therefore, the County of Riverside Facilities Management hereby concludes that no physical environmental impacts are anticipated to occur and the project as proposed is exempt under CEQA. No further environmental analysis is warranted.

**Signed:**



**Date:**

7/12/21

Mike Sullivan, Senior Environmental Planner  
County of Riverside, Facilities Management



County of Riverside  
Facilities Management  
3133 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA 92507

Date: July 12, 2021  
To: Kiyomi Moore/Josefina Castillo, Office of the County Clerk  
From: Mike Sullivan, Senior Environmental Planner, Facilities Management  
Subject: **County of Riverside Facilities Management Project # FM041059**  
Abandonment of Radece Cemetery and Dedication of Pioneer Memorial Park,  
Aguanga

The Riverside County's Facilities Management's Project Management Office is requesting that you post the attached Notice of Exemption. Attached you will find an authorization to bill by journal voucher for your posting fee.

**After posting, please return the document to:**

**Mail Stop #2600**

**Attention: Mike Sullivan, Senior Environmental Planner,**  
**Facilities Management,**

**3133 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA 92507**

**If you have any questions, please contact Mike Sullivan at 955-8009 or email at [msullivan@rivco.org](mailto:msullivan@rivco.org).**

Attachment

cc: file



**RIVERSIDE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER**

**AUTHORIZATION  
TO BILL  
BY JOURNAL VOUCHER**

**Project Name: Abandonment of Radec Cemetery and Dedication of a Pioneer Memorial  
Park, Aguanga**

**Accounting String: 524830-47220-7200400000 - FM041030**

DATE: July 12, 2021

AGENCY: Riverside County Facilities Management

THIS AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER TO BILL FOR FILING AND  
HANDLING FEES FOR THE ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT(S).

NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS INCLUDED: One (1)

AUTHORIZED BY: Mike Sullivan, Senior Environmental Planner, Facilities Management

Signature: 

PRESENTED BY: Craig Olsen, Supervising Real Property Agent, Facilities  
Management

-TO BE FILLED IN BY COUNTY CLERK-

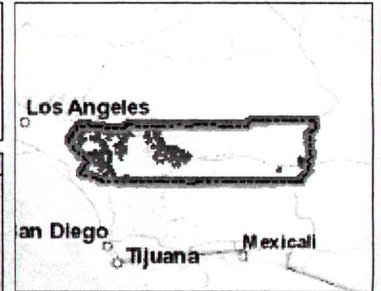
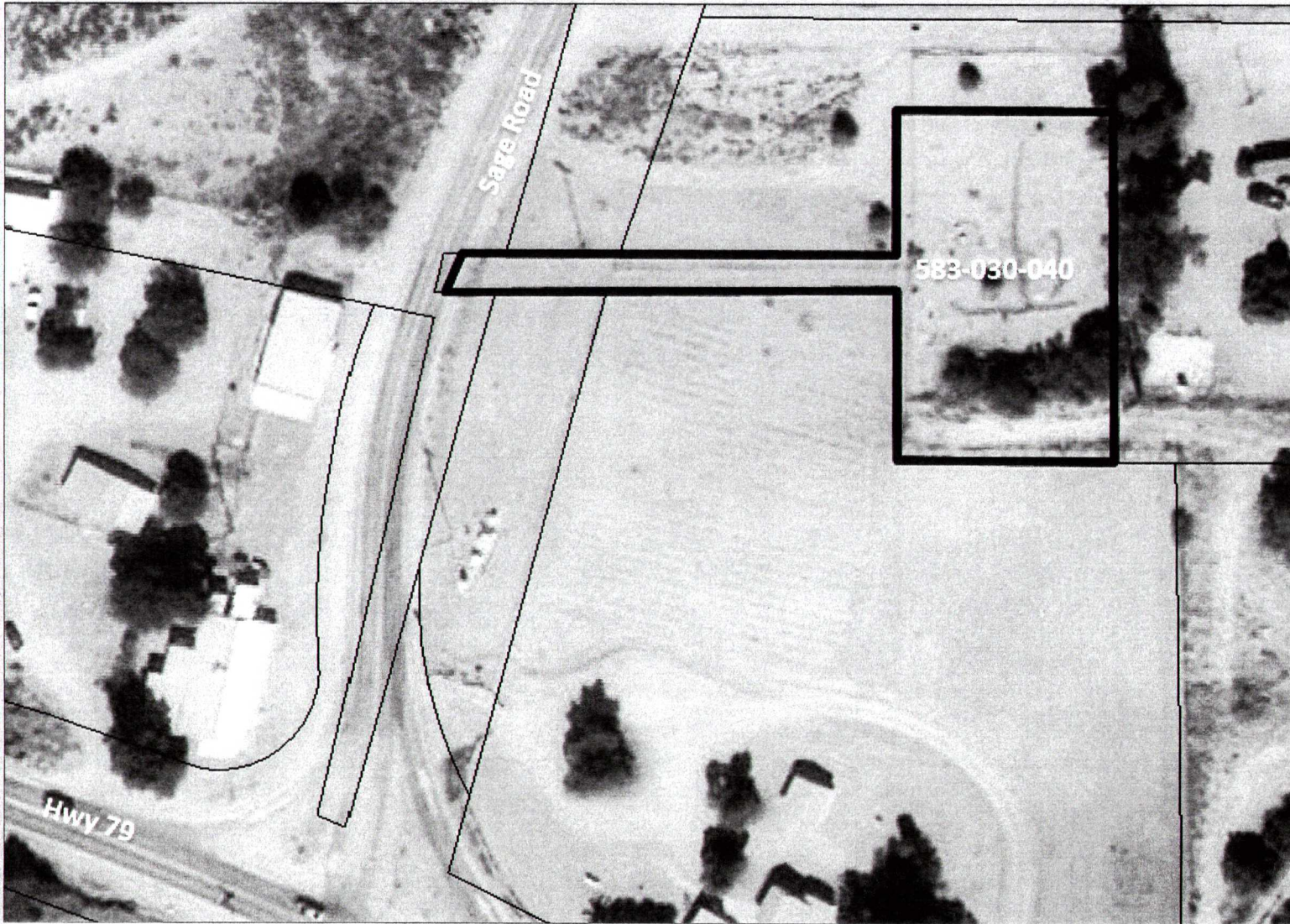
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# Aerial Image

## Radec Cemetery



### Legend

- Parcels
- Blueline Streams
- City Areas

### Notes



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