

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Northern Service Center
Acquisition and Development
One Capitol Mall, Suite 140
Sacramento, CA. 95814

TITLE: Exchange and Transfer of California Department of Parks and Recreation Lands with California Tahoe Conservancy

LOCATION: Burton Creek State Park, Emerald Bay State Park, Washoe Meadow State Park, Lake Valley State Recreation Area, Van Sickle Bi-State Park.

COUNTY: El Dorado and Placer

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Exchange and transfer of approximately 9.3 acres of environmentally sensitive lands in El Dorado County to the California Tahoe Conservancy in exchange for 1,285 acres of Conservancy-owned public access and environmentally sensitive lands in El Dorado and Placer Counties. The exchange and transfer will consolidate state ownership and increase management efficiency. There is no development associated with this transfer at this time.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Sierra District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption Class: 16 Section: 15316

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the transfer of land in order to establish a park where the land is in a natural condition; included as "Acquisitions of inholdings and contiguous properties" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR§15300.4.

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