

State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Empire Mine Priority Action Workplans

**LOCATION:** Empire Mine State Historic Park - Hwy 174 and Memorial Park, Grass Valley

**COUNTY:** Nevada

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

Implementation of priority action workplans that encompass remediation activities to prevent public exposure to potential contamination at Empire Mine State Historic Park. Project activities could include covering trail segments with a protective surface of borrow material; closing or realigning trail segments; installation of protective fencing; installation of signs; public education materials and communications; neutralization of and installation of protective cap over areas of potential contamination; removal of associated vegetation; installation of new vegetation; stormwater runoff and drainage control; soil sampling, excavation, and remediation; installation of pavement; cleaning and dust testing.

Project activities will comply with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Water Code §13267 Industrial Storm Water General Permit Order 97-03-DWQ. Project activities include those being implemented pursuant to a consent decree in civil case no. CIV. S-04-2647 KJM, United States District Court, Eastern District of California. Project activities are being carried out under the supervision of the California Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control. Project supports public health.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Sierra District and Acquisition and Development Division

**EXEMPT STATUS:**  Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

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