



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Tehachapi District
43779 15th Street West
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PROJECT TITLE: Historic Thompson Orchard Revitalization

LOCATION: Silverwood Lake S.R.A.

COUNTY: San Bernardino

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The project has been amended to include a sign to interpret the historic apple orchard. The 2' x 3' sign will be located at the Northeastern Corner of the orchard. The wording on the sign will read "Historic Cedar Springs Apple Orchard". The font will be modeled after the main Silverwood Lake Entrance Sign.

The project is to revitalize a historic apple orchard within Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area. The non-native grasses and shrubs within the historic project area will be cleared using hand tools and gas powered string trimmers. The cleared grasses and shrubs will be disposed of in a dumpster and transported offsite. In order to maintain the historic integrity of the apple orchard, Parks will only plant apples trees that are historically relevant to the local area. The apple trees will be spaced approximately 20 feet apart. Holes will be hand dug 18 inches deep with a diameter of 2 feet for each apple tree planted. Planting will take place in stages over the next 2 years. A drip line irrigation system will be installed to ensure that the apple trees will have an adequate water source and deer-proof fencing will be installed to protect the new apple trees. A spilt-rail wood fence will surround the entire orchard.

DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into this project. A copy of these requirements may be obtained by submitting a request to the project Environmental Coordinator listed below

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Tehachapi

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
- Statutory Exemption (Section)
- Categorical Exemption

Class: 1 Section(s): 15301

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2. There will be negligible or no expansion of existing use (class 1)

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