



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Tehachapi District  
15101 Lancaster Road  
Lancaster, CA 93536

**PROJECT TITLE:** Eradicate Invasive Species

**LOCATION:** Antelope Valley CA Poppy Natural Reserve    **COUNTY:** Los Angeles

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

Project involves the eradication of invasive species, including cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*) and red brome (*Bromus rubens*) on three 25 acre parcels at the Antelope Valley CA Poppy Natural Reserve. The following three techniques will be used to reduce non-native annual grasses.

- 1) Goat grazing: an experimental plot on the west side of the Reserve (approximately 25 acres) will be grazed by goats. Timing and movement of animals will be controlled by a combination of herders, electrical fence, and/or herding dogs.
- 2) Sheep grazing: an experimental plot on the west side of the Reserve (approximately 25 acres) will be grazed by sheep. Timing and movement of animals will be controlled by a combination of herders, electrical fence, and/or herding dogs.
- 3) Herbicide control: an experimental plot on the west side of the Reserve (approximately 25 acres) will receive an application of grass-specific herbicide Fusilade DX.

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: 4    Section(s): 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the CDPR Project Evaluation Form including measures provided by CDPR specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15304 – Minor Alterations to Land. The actions fall under the Departmental List of Exempt activities as established according to CEQA §15300.4 as:

- “Resource management projects” and “Stewardship projects” (Class 4, Section 15304);

- "The project will result in the improvement of habitat for wildlife resources" (Class 4, Section 15304d); and
- "Temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment" (Class 4, Section 15304e)

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